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# Plans for 1,200 homes rejected

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CAMPAIGNERS are celebrating after controversial plans to build up to 1,200 homes on land in northeast Newmarket were thrown out by the Secretary of State.

Lord Derby's proposals to build homes, shops, restaurants and employment space at Hatchfield Farm off Fordham Road have been turned down by Eric Pickles following a planning inquiry held last summer.

The fight at the inquiry was taken up by Save Historic Newmarket, the Tattersalls Group, whose members included the Jockey Club Estates and Godolphin, and Forest Heath District Council.

Rachel Hood, of Save Historic Newmarket, said: "The decision protects thousands of good jobs in Newmarket and racing provides hundreds of millions of pounds of revenue in the local economy. The rejection of Lord Derby's speculative Hatchfield Farm scheme has protected Newmarket's unique ecosystem which is fragile.

"It's wonderful for Newmarket and racing and it's about community.

"The community joined together to stop an out-of-town developer ruining what we have here."

Edmond Mahony, chairman of Tattersalls, said: "It is a triumph for the town of Newmarket, for the racing industry and for common sense.

"Lord Derby's application to build 1,200 houses on Hatchfield Farm has been unanimously rejected by Forest Heath District Council planning committee, Newmarket Town Council and now by the planning inspector and the Secretary of State who should both be congratulated for acting so decisively and with such clarity."

Hugh Anderson, chief operating officer of Godolphin, said: "The proposal for the land at Hatchfield Farm was totally inappropriate from the outset.

"It needed to be strongly resisted if Newmarket was to be preserved as the world's

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Going green: Newmarket College pupils get set for the Sport Relief Mile – see story on page 3. Picture: Keith Jones 814935

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# Plans for 1,200 new homes are thrown out

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best racehorse training and breeding centre."

Matthew Hancock, West Suffolk's MP, said: "The inspector has upheld the decision of the council that 1,200 houses is wrong for Newmarket, and would harm its economy, which is intertwined with its role as the global home of horse racing."

Lord Derby's representatives had argued during the inquiry that Forest Heath had to deliver 10,100 homes between 2001 and 2031, as well as employment land. They said Newmarket was the obvious location for new development in the district and the northeast of the town was the only realistic place for it.

But parts of the policy which laid out where the homes should be built in Forest Heath were quashed by the High Court last April and a review is set to be completed by December next year.

The appeal report said: "…the secretary of state agrees in the absence of a spatial distribution and no clear requirement for 1,200 dwellings in this location in the development plan, it would be premature to permit this strategic scheme on a site which may or may not be chosen when properly evaluated through the democratic development plan process."

A spokeswoman for Forest Heath District Council said: "Forest Heath will be considering the implication of the planning inspector's decision during the coming weeks.

"We are starting to carry out a review of the number of new homes we need in the district, and where they should be built, so we will now look at that decision in detail. Consultation with people who live and work in Forest Heath will be an important part of that review."

Lord Derby said: "Though disappointed with the Secretary of State's decision, I am pleased both he and the inspector concluded the proposal would not have had an adverse impact on the horse racing industry, despite what has been repeatedly claimed. Similarly they found no fault with the highway proposals.

"They also confirmed Newmarket is the most sustainable town in the district, the housing needs of which could still, I believe, be served by Hatchfield. I will now be taking the time to digest more fully the inspector's report, before deciding on any future course of action."

# Sky's the limit for daredevil Nick

Preparing to leap: Nick Turner with one of the balloons he has designed for the Jubilee.

Picture: Keith Heppell 815280

**A DAREDEVIL is bracing himself for a skydive to help a charity save lives at sea.**

**Nick Turner, from Queensway in Mildenhall, is appealing for sponsorship for the jump he is planning for June 2 to support the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI).**

**He said he has always admired the charity and abseiled for them in Ipswich a couple of years ago. He said: "The RNLI has always seemed a worthy cause and it's just pretty simple – you give them money, they save lives. To be able to provide that sort of emergency service as a charity is pretty incredible."**

**The RNLI is celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen, its patron, by inviting people to raise £400 for them and then 'ump for Jubilee out of a plane.**

**The 32-year-old graphic designer said he hopes to hand over more than the minimum amount of money required.**

**To lend a hand, call Nick on 07981 286805.**

# Concern over care provision

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CONCERNED patients and relatives have spoken out about the axing of Newmarket's out of hours healthcare base.

People attended a town council meeting on Monday to hear from Dr Paul Watson, chief executive of NHS Suffolk, and Dr David Lee, regional medical director for Harmoni, the provider of the service for people in medical need during evenings, weekends and bank holidays.

The primary care base at Newmarket Hospital was closed on February 1. Since then, 185 patients have travelled to appointments in Mildenhall, Bury St Edmunds or Haverhill.

Tracey Peel, from Cheveley, who spoke at the meeting, said she had driven her 76-year-old father, Doug Smith, 75 miles on a Saturday in February to and from different medical centres.

They called the out-of-hours phone number at 8.30am and drove 40 minutes to Mildenhall for an 11am appointment. The surgery was closed and a shopkeeper directed them to another clinic in the town where they waited 35 minutes. It was suggested they go to West Suffolk Hospital, where Mr Smith spent three hours before he was told to see his GP on the Monday and his daughter returned to collect him.

Cllr Warwick Hirst said the equality impact assessment carried out for the new model had not included in is criteria the effect on those without transport.

He said: "Your consultation has been awful, the criteria has been very poor and the individual cases we have had back have been quite shocking in terms of people not being able to get to see a doctor."

Dr Lee said 61 patients had been offered home visits while six patients had had to travel for longer than 30 minutes, the standard required by NHS Suffolk, to an appointment.

Each case where the requirement is not met, he said, is analysed and said they were being heavily scrutinised during the three-month trial of the new model in Suffolk.

Dr Watson said it was not realistic for everyone in Suffolk to expect a home visit because it would draw money away from other services and the quality of the doctors would be lower.

He said he understood the service for Newmarket residents was not as accessible as it had been before the introduction of the new model.

But he said: "We are trying to make difficult decisions and balancing what will give the best access for patients in West Suffolk as a whole."

He said people without transport would have to rely on friends, relatives or taxis.

Dr Watson added: "We have reached the judgement it would be an unwise use of public money to sign an open cheque for taxi fares, given what we would have to do to generate the money.

"I would have to reduce services somewhere else in order to generate the money."

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# Screwdriver attack addict faces prison

A HEROINE addict has been found guilty of stabbing a man in the back with a screwdriver.

A jury found Simon Maddox, of High Street, Burwell, guilty of assault occasioning actual bodily harm yesterday at Cambridge Crown Court last Friday.

Judge Gareth Hawkesworth told Maddox a custodial sentence will be the most likely outcome following the case.

The incident happened on April 7 last year when the 30-year-old assaulted a fitter who was installing CCTV in the Lloyds Pharmacy, below where Maddox lived.

Maddox came down and told the men who were working in the shop installing the new system to be quiet, the court heard during the trial.

A few minutes later, when one of the engineers went to his van parked outside the High Street shop, Maddox returned to the forecourt and launched an attack on another fitter, Daniel Cawood.

The court was told he put Mr Cawood into a headlock and was very aggressive. He then went on to stab him in the back between his shoulders "three or four times" with a screw driver.

When Neil Varney – the fitter standing by his van – saw what was going on, he made a move on Maddox's hand and got him to release the screwdriver.

The fitters returned to the pharmacy and locked the front doors before police were called.

Following the verdict, Jonathan Masters, defending, saidMaddox had ADHD, was addicted to heroin and had been on a methadone prescription for two years.

Prosecutor Duncan O'Donnell also told the court how Maddox had five previous offences, many involving weapons.

He said one incident in 2003 saw Maddox drive in front of a tractor and then attack it with a baseball bat.

Two incidents in 2006 involved Maddox chasing a car with a metal bar and hitting it.

In 2009, a delivery driver parked across the driveway to Maddox's house and he responded by picking up and axe and confronting the driver with it before hitting the van.

A statement from one of the women who works in the pharmacy was read out following the verdict and it suggested there was a history of "nuisance behaviour" from Maddox, Mr O'Donnell said.

It also stated: "He is not the sort of man I would like to bump into in a dark alleyway."

Judge Hawkesworth said: "Your previous offending does show a troubling pattern and aggression on your part, which needs attending to.

"The most likely outcome of these proceedings will be a custodial sentence."

Maddox was released on conditional bail until he is sentenced, which will not be before April 16.

# Kool date for summer

**KOOL and the Gang will take to the stage at Newmarket Racecourses for the first time this summer.**

**The American R and B group will perform hits including *Celebration*, *Ladies' Night* and *Jungle Boogie* the venue's Newmarket Nights concert on Friday, July 20.**

**Adrian Simpson, sales and marketing director at Newmarket Racecourses, said: "Kool and the Gang have not only had an enviable career of their own but are also the most sampled band of all time so all generations will recognise their music.**

**"We're thrilled we've got such a legendary act added to our Adnams Newmarket Nights line-up."**

**Just one act is still to be announced in this year's Newmarket Nights series of open-air concerts which features Jessie J, Madness, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and Tom Jones.**

**Tickets to see Kool and the Gang cost between £18 and £35 for adults and from £12 to £16 for children.**

**For more information, visit *www.newmarketracecourses.co.uk* or call (0844) 5793010.**

Disco legends: Kool and the Gang will be at Newmarket on July 20.

What a relief: students, staff and visitors at Newmarket College.
Pictures: Keith Jones 814942 (left), 814937 (below left), 814936 (middle left, 814934 (far left)

# Miles of fun as youngsters join Sport Relief effort

**A GANG of Smurfs, a ladybird and Wally of *Where's Wally* fame have pelted around Newmarket College's playing field in aid of Sport Relief.**

**At least 500 Newmarket College students, 180 from St Felix Middle School and another 20 nursery children and helpers from Colourbox Montessori School took part in the event on Friday.**

**The efforts of the students and staff are expected to have raised more than £400 for the charity.**

**Dr Bob Cadwalladr, principal of Newmarket College, said: "It was a lovely afternoon and it was doing something silly and doing it for a good cause and doing it to show that actually we will all go and run, hop and fall over around two laps of the school field in the regulation Sport Relief mile.**

**"One of the things that really made it for me is it was all organised by the sports leaders of the college."**

**Newmarket College's student sports leaders had decided the route and invited other schools to join them.**

## Diesel stolen in site raid

THIEVES stole fuel from a Beck Row building site. They broke the lock from a fuel bowser in The Street before siphoning off diesel. The offenders also broke a digger's fuel cap in the theft between 4.30pm on Friday and 7am on Monday.
Call Suffolk Police on 101 with the reference MH/12/584 if you have any information.

## Fire threat to thatch

FIREFIGHTERS stopped a chimney blaze spreading to a thatched roof.
They were called to the house in The Street, Lidgate, near Newmarket, just before 8pm on Monday.

## Family fun at fen centre

FAMILIES are invited to take part in free activities at RSPB Lakenheath Fen between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.
There will be a prize trail, Easter card and badge making at the visitor centre. Cost is £2 per car to non-RSPB members. Call (01842) 863400 for details.

# Olympic torch honour for brave teen Aaron

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A BOY who was left fighting for his life after a road accident in 2008 has been selected as an Olympic torchbearer.

Aaron Bettoney, then 10, was hit by a car while cycling near his home in Red Lodge and suffered head injuries so severe doctors did not know if he would survive.

He was airlifted to hospital by the East Anglian Air Ambulance and spent weeks recovering – first at Addenbrooke's, then at West Suffolk Hospital in Bury St Edmunds.

But incredibly, the only long-term consequence of Aaron's accident has been loss of hearing in one ear.

And the 13-year-old karate black belt is now looking forward to carrying the torch in Aylsham, Norfolk, on July 4.

Aaron's mum, Karen, a dental receptionist, put his name forward because of how he dealt with his experience.

She said: "After his accident, I just thought he deserved to do something nice because of the way he dealt with it and got himself back on track.

"He got himself through his black belt – everybody thought he was not going to survive at one point."

Aaron, a student at Mildenhall College of Technology, said: "It's just an honour to take part in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity event. It's good because when the Olympics are back here, I will be too old to do it."

He said he will be watching the Games at home after not getting tickets, but said the chance to carry the torch would be an even greater privilege than seeing them first-hand.

He said: "I think carrying the torch is a great honour, whereas sitting in a stadium watching your team is an honour, but not as much of an honour as carrying the torch."

Aaron will take part in the 70-day relay with the 7,999 other torchbearers selected out of the tens of thousands of people nominated for the task.

Five of the seven people who will carry the flame through Newmarket on Saturday, July 7 were announced on Monday, March 19.

**Honour: Aaron Bettoney, 13.** Picture: Richard Patterson 815788

# 100 jobs at threat as food firm goes into administration

A BUSINESS which employs 100 people in Newmarket has gone into administration.

DBC Foodservice, a wholesale food service supplier whose customers include more than 180 private schools and the Ministry of Defence, posted a message on its website on Tuesday.

It said: "The affairs, business and property of the company are being managed by the joint administrators who act as agents of the company and without personal liability."

A tenth of the firm's 1,000-strong workforce is employed at the Studlands Park Industrial Estate in Newmarket.

Baker Tilly, the firm's administrators, said they had been working with DBC's management team to find a buyer for the whole business but their efforts had not succeeded.

They said discussions were taking place with different parties interested in buying parts of the business and said more developments were likely in the coming days.

Russell Cash, Baker Tilly's restructuring and recovery partner and joint administrator, said: "We are in discussions with a number of interested parties, some of which are at an advanced stage. We are hopeful that we will be able to secure a future for certain areas of the business."

Representatives of the administrators visited DBC's 11 depots on Tuesday to explain the situation to staff.

# Artist quick to raise cash for child protection

AN equestrian artist drew in the crowds for a charity lunch which raised £800.

Newmarket-based artist Jacquie Jones told diners at the NSPCC charity lunch at La Mimosa, on Cambridge's Riverside, about her lifelong passion and mystical and spiritual influences.

Painting as she was talking, Jacquie introduced her latest theme called her Olympic Silk Scarf design which, once printed, will raise cash for the NSPCC.

Some of the artist's images were displayed at the lunch and she delighted diners by creating a "One Minute" painting which was then auctioned for £300.

The Cambridge Dining Club, which organised the event, meets five times a year at the restaurant and is a fundraising venture for ChildLine and the NSPCC.

For more information about fundraising for the charity contact Kate Armstrong on (01954) 719745 or follow NSPCC South Cambs branch on Facebook.

Scout and about: Some of those who came out to help at Aspal Close Nature Reserve, Beck Row. Picture: Keith Heppell

# Scouts make halos their good deed at reserve

**BOY Scouts rolled up their sleeves to tend to veteran oak trees at Beck Row's Aspal Close nature reserve.**

**Hampton Ray rallied his fellow Boy Scouts of America for the Saturday session, which saw the group clear space around 20 of the site's 200 ancient oaks to cut the competition for light, water and nutrients, known as haloing.**

**The 14-year-old from RAF Lakenheath is organising the service project with Matt Vernon, countryside officer at Forest Heath District Council which owns and manages the reserve, to earn his Eagle Scout status.**

**An action plan was drawn up last year for each of the trees detailing the management works they need over the next 50 years to prolong their lives.**

**Volunteers from organisations including the Friends of Aspal Close Group have already helped out with the work which started in December.**

## Free guided walks through fenland

FREE guided walks will be held at a fenland nature reserve every week for the next three months.

RSPB Lakenheath Fen will hold the first of its Wednesday walkabouts on April 4 between 10.30am and 12.30pm. The last session will take place on June 27.

The routes of around two miles will change according to the wildlife to be seen at the reserve. April promises bitterns, marsh harriers and plenty of birdsong as the first migrants fly in for the summer from Africa.

David White, information officer at the reserve, said: "These Wednesday walkabouts provide an ideal opportunity to discover Lakenheath Fen. They are free, so as long as you arrive in good time you will get a place."

A maximum of 15 people can take part in each walk and the places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

There is no need to book, but call (01842) 863400 or email *lakenheath@rspb.org.uk* for more information.

## Livestock trailer is taken from farmyard

THIEVES have stolen a livestock trailer from a Lakenheath farmyard.

They took the blue and silver Ifor Williams twin axle trailer from the premises in Station Road between 8pm on Wednesday, March 14 and 6.45am the following day.

ID marks are painted on the trailer's roof and it is rusty along its bottom frame.

It has a black metal rack at the front and two additional u-brackets to the side.

Call Suffolk Police on 101 quoting the reference MH/12/530 with any information.

# Private firm to take on health services

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A PRIVATE company has been picked to provide a range of Suffolk's community health services.

Serco will take over the provision of specialist children's services and adult community services, for example, across most of the county by October. It will act as a contractor and deliver services in partnership with organisations, including the South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust.

Tracey Lambert, Unison eastern region's head of health, said: "Yes, they will have a duty to provide patients with care when and where they need it, but let's not forget this is a private profit driven organisation its sole purpose is to make money for shareholders. It's inevitable there will be cuts in order to ensure those shareholders' pockets are being lined."

A spokeswoman for Serco said whether a private, public or third sector organisation was providing the services, the same standards would be applied to measure the performance of each.

She said: "It does not matter whether you are a private sector provider or a public sector provider, it's all about delivering a high quality service."

Dr Paul Watson, chief executive of NHS Suffolk, said the services would remain a part of the NHS contract.

He said: "We have been determined to find the very best organisation to manage these community services in the future to provide benefit and opportunity to our patients and staff.

"Serco has been carefully selected and has provided us with a detailed proposal, giving rigorous evidence of its experience as a service provider and its vision and innovative plans for further improving our community services.

"We are confident it will ensure our patients continue to receive well-managed, effective services, with a constant focus on improving quality, and delivering value for money for the taxpayer."

NHS Suffolk said the move was in line with Department of Health guidance which states primary care trusts will commission rather than provide community services.

Paul Forden, managing director, acute and community services for Serco, said: "We believe we have created an exciting and visionary delivery model for Suffolk community health by ensuring the patient is at the heart of the service and empowering clinicians to spend more time caring. Our integrated model of care is possible by bringing together the best of the NHS, voluntary and private sector."

A contract with Serco, named as the preferred bidder, will be signed in the coming weeks.

# Available soon, your guide to the Jubilee events

A GUIDE to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations taking place across Forest Heath is being created.

The district council is creating an events guide to mark the Queen's 60-year reign and keep people posted on the celebrations being held for the occasion.

Cllr Warwick Hirst of Forest Heath District Council, member champion for community engagement and communications, said: "This guide will not only commemorate the events that take place as part of the celebrations it will also bring communities together."

To find out more or let the council know about a celebration you are having, get in touch with Jon Eaton, community development officer at the council, on (01638) 719382 or by emailing *jon.eaton@forest-heath.gov.uk*

## Hunt for tall man foiled in theft attempt

A 6FT-MAN was seen trying to break into a Vauxhall Corsa in a Newmarket car park.

The white man, in his late 20s and of slim build was seen trying to get into the white car in Skeaping Close at about 6.10pm on Thursday, March 22. He did not succeed and when he was spotted, he ran out of the car park onto the main road.

Suffolk Police want to trace the would-be thief who was around 6ft, was wearing a grey hooded top with the hood up, light blue jeans and white trainers and had a scruffy blond or brown beard.

Call the police in 101 with the reference NE/12/477 if you saw anything suspicious.

## Vehicle taken from street overnight

A VAUXHALL Cavalier has been stolen from a Lakenheath street.

The red car was taken from Eriswell Drive between 11.30pm on Thursday, March 22 and 8.30am the following day.

The car's registration is K659 BJW.

Call Suffolk Police on 101 with the reference MH/12/562 if you can help.

## Keys stolen as thieves target car

A SET of car keys has been stolen from a vehicle in Lakenheath.

A thief targeted the car outside a home in Kitchener Close between 7pm on Thursday, March 15 and 8am the next day, stealing the keys for another car kept at the address.

Call PCSO Keith Chittock of Suffolk Police on 101 quoting the crime number MH/12/500 or Crimestoppers on (0800) 555111.

## Wellies among haul in raid on garage

HUNTER wellington boots have been stolen from a garage in Worlington.

Burglars made off with two pairs of the boots along with a pair of black Barbour wellies, an orange and grey strimmer, a green Billy Goat vacuum and a green petrol can from the garage at a home in The Street.

The offenders had forced the up-and-over door to get into the garage between 4pm on Tuesday, March 20 and 8am the next day.

Call Suffolk Police on 101 with the reference MH/12/547 if you saw anything.

## Open garden event to raise charity cash

WALK round an open garden in Kirtling this weekend.

Thousands of flowers including daffodils, chionodoxa and grape hyacinths will be on show at Kirtling Tower from 11am to 4pm on Sunday.

Money made on the day will be given to the National Gardens Scheme, which supports charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, Help the Hospices and The Royal Fund for Gardeners' Children.

Admission costs £4.50. Light refreshments including cream teas will be available.

For information visit *www.ngs.org.uk.*

## Door damaged by would-be burglars

WOULD-be burglars have damaged the door of an Eriswell home.

They targeted the property in Birch Walk between 10.30pm on Saturday, March 24 and 8am the following day but did not get in.

A door handle and locking mechanism as well as the door frame were damaged in their attempt.

Call Suffolk Police on 101 with the reference MH/12/578.

# Henry aims to break marathon world record

**A FITNESS instructor who braved six marathons in a week has raised almost £1,500 for great causes.**

**Henry Taylor, who works at Newmarket Leisure Centre, completed Chile's gruelling 250k Atacama Crossing race in about 37 hours over seven days and the money made will be handed to the Alzheimer's Society and Racing Welfare.**

**Henry, from Burwell, said: "I have had a couple of family members who have been affected by dementia so that charity is close to my and my family's heart. With Racing Welfare, I wanted to do something for a charity that does a lot for people in the local community and that is probably the one that does most for people around Newmarket as far as I know."**

**He said the altitude and some terrain had made for a tough race and he was pleased to complete it.**

**Henry added: "It went really well. The main thing was I finished which is good, because there are normally a few people that drop out."**

**A knee injury he sustained three or four weeks before the event earlier this month threatened to stop him taking part and he only got the go-ahead for the race a day or two before he was due to fly out.**

**He said: "The Sports Injury Clinic helped me out massively. It's pretty much thanks to them I was able to do it. My knee actually held up quite well so it was pretty fortunate."**

**The race which took place earlier this month follows hot on the heels of China's 250k Gobi March Henry completed in June with close friend Dominic Salmon. The pair raised about £3,500 for the Alzheimer's charity and the Teenage Cancer Trust.**

**Henry, 24, hopes to complete the remaining two 250k 4 Deserts events, Egypt's Sahara Race and the Last Desert in Antarctica, before the end of the year and become the youngest person to complete them all.**

**He said: "The youngest person currently is 26 so I would just be beating that by a couple of years. There are actually a couple of people that may be going for all four this year."**

**But the Australian and American contenders are slightly younger than him, so if they do all four this year they could pip him to the post.**

**The next challenge will take Henry to Egypt in October and he will again raise money for the Alzheimer's Society and Racing Welfare. To add to his total, visit *www.justgiving.com/teams/henry4deserts.***

**Fit for the challenge: Henry Taylor, 24, has completed two gruelling 250k runs one The Atacama Crossing race in Chile and the Gobi Desert in China to raise money for Racing Welfare and the Alzheimer's Society.**

Picture: Keith Heppell

# How to make the most out of Olympics

FIRMS can find out how to make the most of events like the Olympics and the Diamond Jubilee from a tourism chief in Newmarket.

Keith Brown, chief executive of Visit East Anglia (VEA), will be guest speaker at a joint Newmarket and Haverhill Chamber of Commerce event on Friday, April 20, sharing tips on how to get the most from the occasions and explaining how VEA, a business-led organisation founded in September to promote tourism, works with local businesses.

Steve Elsom from Lloyds TSB will tell guests how they can bring the Olympics to life for customers and staff at the business breakfast networking event at Palace House.

Graham Abbey, chairman of the Newmarket and District Chamber of Commerce, said: "We are delighted Keith Brown from Visit East Anglia will be our guest speaker and Lloyds TSB will be helping us prepare to make the most of 2012.

"We are also very pleased to be working with Haverhill Chamber of Commerce again on a joint breakfast event which will give businesses in the opportunity to ask questions and get advice, as well as network."

Sarah Howard, chairman of the chamber's counterpart in Haverhill, said: "Tourism has never been a more relevant subject for business than this year. With the Queen's Jubilee and London 2012 putting the world's eyes on the UK, local businesses are preparing for both the wonderful opportunities and managing the difficult issues this will present."

The event will take place between 7.45am and 9.45am. Tickets cost £15 for members and £25 for non-members. To book yours, visit *www.newmarketanddistrict.com.*

# Poundland to open in former Peacocks

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POUNDLAND will open in the shop left empty by Peacocks in the Guineas shopping centre in Newmarket.

Another 25 jobs are being brought to the town by the discount store, which will start trading at 65-67 in the centre shortly after Easter.

David Coxon, Poundland's trading director, said: "Poundland has grown significantly over the past 12 months and it's fantastic to see this expansion continuing with a new store in Newmarket. We're looking forward to opening our doors."

Peacocks closed in Newmarket on February 22 after it was not named among the 388 stores bought from KPMG, the fashion chain's administrators, by the Edinburgh Woollen Mill Group.

Rachel Phoenix, who worked at the store, launched a petition with her friend and former Peacocks colleague Chanal Fullman, to bring it back and get the rents lowered at the shopping centre.

Their petition attracted 700 signatures and the town council enclosed a copy with their request to Helical Bar, the centre's owners, to reconsider the level of rent they charge.

But Rachel, 25, and at least one other of her former colleagues have been offered positions at Poundland.

She said it was a "blessing" to have a job, but said she still wants the rent lowered at the shopping centre and thinks Newmarket needs more clothes shops.

She said: "I'm still really upset, I miss Peacocks but I had to take the job because I need a job.

"I think over 100 people applied for it and there were 25 jobs going, so it was quite a blessing to get a job."

Duncan Walker, a director of Helical Bar, said the there had been public discussion about rents in the Guineas shopping centre being too high but said a retailer taking on the shop showed they were not.

He said: "I think it's good news for the town and for the shopping centre that there are retailers interested in that place. I think it's great and I hope it's going to add to the centre.

"We will be kicking off some minor refurbishment works quite soon."

# TV star to appear at charity fashion event

FASHIONISTAS can get their fix at a charity event at a Newmarket boutique.

The fashion show at M and Co on Tuesday, April 10, features David Palmer of BBC2's *Flog It!* and it will start at 7.30pm.

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# Check out the Guineas as flat season starts

## RACING NEWMARKET

Social news from the racing scene with Howard Jones

The flat season is upon us and I would like to wish good luck to all the Newmarket trainers with runners in the Dubai World Cup meeting. Hopefully Presvis will repeat his success of last year.

The big talking point is Camelot – will it run in the Guineas? I hope so, as it is hyped up as a huge horse to watch.

Make sure you get your tickets for the Guineas as it is going to be packed.

I do hope we have a surprise horse, trained in Newmarket, that will be this year's star.

■ **What is happening in Newmarket for the stable staff?**

**On Sunday, April 15, it is time for the big football match – Racing Newmarket, whose players are jockeys and stable staff, vs Newmarket Town FC.**

**The match will be at Newmarket Town's ground in Cricketfield Road. Gates open at 11am with kick-off at noon.**

■ On Friday, April 27, top band The Deloreons will be playing at The New Astley Club.

Entry is £2 on the door with proceeds going to charity.

■ **The New Astley Club is holding its summer trip to Woburn Safari Park this year on Sunday, June 10.**
**Cost is £15 per family. Booking forms are available from the club.**

■ The De Niros soap stars football game is fast approaching. We have two parties on June 23 from 6pm at the yard.

The racing newmarket VIP party tickets are £5 and are limited to 200, so get your ticket early from the yard.

Later on in the evening the soapstars will move on to the De Niros nightclub.

The De Niros game will need stablestaff/jockeys to play football so if you work in racing and want to play and can raise some money for charity through sponsorship then get in touch with me on 01359 270733.

The match will be played at Cheveley.

The Racing Newmarket team still needs sponsors.
How about your company sponsoring the soap star man of the match? Or getting your company's name on the Racing Newmarket team shirts or shorts.

We also need sponsors for the Tottenham game and sponsors for the Newmarket game.

Your sponsorship could help towards payment of coach bills, referee fees, pitch hire, and kit.

## MEMORIES

■ **THIS week's picture, taken from our archives, shows a group of five men – their badges may give a clue to this photo.**
**Do you recognise anyone in the picture or know what the event was? Do you know where and when it was taken?**

**Send your answers to: Memories, Newmarket Weekly News, 15 High Street, Newmarket, CB8 8XL by Tuesday morning, or email *editorial@newmarketweeklynews.co.uk***

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**Last week's Memories picture, from our archives, shows a some winners at a middle schools sports day.**
**The picture, above, was taken in June, 1992.**

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Cheveley

**CHEVELEY PARISH COUNCIL:** The council held a number of additional meetings during February in the hope of reducing the excessive backlog and workload that had built up as a consequence of its inability to convene during the second half of 2011.

There is a wider base of councillors from both wards that in turn allows the council to benefit and draw upon individual expertise and group resources. By sharing workload with working parties and individual councillor delegation it is hoped that the council as a body will be able to focus on and underpin community action and other voluntary groups that make positive impacts on parish infrastructure including public transport issues and the revitalisation of the pavilion and recreation ground in Cheveley during 2012.

There remain four vacancies, two in each ward at Cheveley Parish Council. Anyone who is willing to contribute positively to community projects and local issues are warmly invited to apply. For more information visit the council's website *www.cheveley-pc.org.uk* or contact the clerk.

After much debate occurring over a number of months and with due consideration to recommendations made by a number of competent authorities in consultation with the council it was agreed to adopt nationally recognised standing orders, financial regulations and other policies and procedures that align Cheveley Parish Council to agreed standards and lawful practice. It is anticipated that by improving internal governance in areas such as finance and budgetary control, policy and procedure will in turn assist in good effective and rational decision making by council and offer continuity between administrations. It is anticipated that this approach will help the council in the longer term to achieve Quality Parish (QP) status.

No complaints have been received by the council concerning the parish rates (precept) increase for 2012-13 that equates to just over £5 per elector per year in monetary (real) terms but concedes that a minority have commented negatively that this represents a 17% increase over last year's parish rates request.

The adoption of current policies and procedures are important in the short term as these will allow council to apply for many grants and funding revenue streams, as well as giving access to additional statutory powers, previously denied under its old style governance.

This pre-emptive action has been taken by the council to assist in ameliorating any potential revenue deficits in its budget for 2012-13 that may arise as a consequence of council's desire to respond to the community's wishes to improvements in community services, provide parish maintenance and supporting voluntary groups working within the parish.
Importantly and in the future it is the desire of the council to reduce tax burdens on its residents by establishing and finding alternate sustainable revenue resources and incomes outside of the parish rates. The council therefore hopes this strategy and any short term difficulties in this investment will ultimately have both positive fiscal and social impact on residents in Cheveley.

Cheveley Parish Council as a consequence of these strategic changes welcomes an initiative by Cambridgeshire Acre to bring a community oil buying scheme to Cheveley offering residents substantial savings. Details of this scheme together with those changes to policies and procedures will be publicised on the website in due course.

Cheveley also welcomes CGM Landscapes Ltd as its new contractor providing grass cutting and maintenance service to the parish, having negotiated a three-year fixed price contract.

East Cambridgeshire District Council is producing a questionnaire concerning long term strategic land use within Cheveley and the council, together with assistance from the Cheveley Pavilion Working Group, will be distributing this to every household in Cheveley in the near future. Residents are strongly encouraged to respond as this affects all residents now and for the next 20 years. More information will be provided on notice-boards and the website.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10, in the community room at Cheveley School at 7.30pm.

# Holly's dad to run marathon in her memory

TRIBUTE: Kevin Wells and Rob Wright. Inset: Holly and Jessica.

THE father of murdered schoolgirl Holly Wells will run the London Marathon in tribute to his daughter, and to raise money for a charity helping grief-stricken families.

Kevin Wells will team up with friend Rob Wright to battle round the capital on April 22.

Holly, who would have been 21 this year, and friend Jessica Chapman were killed by school caretaker Ian Huntley. The 10-year-olds, both wearing Manchester United shirts, vanished after leaving a family barbecue at the Wells house in Soham, in August 2002.

In 2003, Huntley was jailed for life. Towards the end of the trial Mr Wells and wife Nicola became aware of a charity called Grief Encounter, being set up with the aim of supporting families whose loved ones had died, especially young people who had lost a sibling.

Mr Wells, 48, who runs a window cleaning business, agreed to become founding patron.

He said: "We have met some extraordinary people through Grief Encounter. There are awful cases the counsellors have worked with, heart-rending stuff, and the charity's services are oversubscribed. I want to do more to help.

"Not only is this year the 10th anniversary of Holly, it's also Olympic year, and I realised it was a great opportunity to trumpet the charity, and do something positive to mark the anniversary."

The Wells family home is named Holly House. In the lounge is the photo of Holly and Jessica in football strips that became famous worldwide.

Mr Wells said: "I don't want to talk about what it has been like the past 10 years, not now. I want to keep things focused on the run and the charity."

Father-of-two Mr Wright, 38, a heating engineer from Dullingham, said: "I've not done a marathon before, but it's such a good cause."

Mr Wells can be sponsored at *www.justgiving.com/kevin-wells*, and Mr Wright at *www.justgiving.com/rob-wright1*.

## Thieves drag caravan from drive

THIEVES have stolen a caravan from a driveway in Lakenheath.
They dragged the cream and blue Eccles caravan from the Wings Road driveway to a recreational area nearby where they broke off its hitch lock before taking it.
The theft took place between 6pm last Thursday and 6am the following day.
Call Suffolk Police on 101 quoting the reference MH/12/558 with any information.

## Car stolen

THIEVES have stolen a Vauxhall Astra from a street in West Row.
They made off with the silver car parked in Hayland Drove between 6.30pm and 8.45pm on Saturday.
The vehicle's registration is VK51 LFW.
Call Suffolk Police on 101 with the reference MH/12/570 if you can help.

## House blaze

FIREFIGHTERS tackled a blaze at a house in Mildenhall.
One crew dealt with the incident in Peterhouse Close within 15 minutes after being called at 5.55pm on Saturday.

# Teenager started fire at city centre bank

A TEENAGE arsonist from Newmarket who set fire to a bank did so in a "moment of complete stupidity", a court was told.

Thousands of pounds of damage was caused to the Santander branch in Trinity Street, Cambridge, as a result of the 17-year-old's actions.

Three fire crews battled the flames and spent five hours making the building in the busy city centre safe, and police had to close the road for one hour.

Gonville and Caius students living in accommodation above the branch also had to leave their flats during the incident.

The youth, who cannot be named for legal reasons, pleaded guilty to arson at an earlier hearing.

At Cambridge Youth Court last week Penny Cannon, prosecuting, said staff discovered the fire at the back of the building at about 2pm.

Mrs Cannon said fire officers discovered the blaze was started by paper being set alight.

At a previous court hearing, damage was estimated at £3,000 to £4,000 and it was said following the incident on the afternoon of Wednesday, February 1, the bank remained closed until the following Monday.

In mitigation, Jacqui Appleton said: "This was not a calculated or premeditated attack. It was a moment of complete stupidity by a 17-year-old boy who has never been in trouble before."

The youth told magistrates: "I'm sorry for my actions and it was stupid of me. I didn't think about the consequences."

Sentencing him, presiding magistrate Mary Duff said: "The police have charged you with arson and that's very serious and the consequences could have been far worse than they were.

"It was a thoughtless and reckless act of a teenager who was acting in an immature way."

Magistrates sentenced the teenager to a 12-month youth rehabilitation order and ordered he pay £85 costs.


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## Deaths

**CROSS.** Peter John (former Police Sergeant of Bottisham) of Great Wilbraham, passed away on Saturday, 17th March, 2012, aged 78 years. Beloved husband of Daphne, and a dear dad to Jennifer, Jamie and Sarah, a much loved grandad and great-grandad, who will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends. Funeral service to be held at St Nicholas Church, Great Wilbraham, on Wednesday, 4th April, at 12.00noon, followed by interment. Family flowers only please but if desired donations may be made payable to The Cambridgeshire Police Welfare and Benevolent Fund, c/o Southgate of Newmarket Funeral Directors, 25 Duchess Drive, Newmarket. CB8 8AG.

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## 40 caught in seatbelt sting

FORTY motorists and passengers – including two children – were caught without a seatbelt during a week-long crackdown in Suffolk.
The fixed penalty notices were handed out by Suffolk Police's roads policing unit during a week-long, Europe-wide seatbelt enforcement campaign, which ended on March 18.
Recipients of the notices incurred at least a £60 fine.
Suffolk Police doled out 66 fixed penalty notices during a similar campaign in September.
Sgt Paul Ward of the casualty reduction team said while fewer people were caught without seatbelts during this crackdown, the number was still too high.
He said: "Last year we saw four fatalities in Suffolk where the driver or passenger was not wearing a seatbelt, so having 40 people stopped is still far too many.
"Failing to wear a seatbelt is a major factor in reducing the likelihood of being killed or seriously injured and should not be underestimated."

## Trailer stolen at farmyard

THIEVES stole a livestock trailer from a Lakenheath farmyard.
They took the blue and silver Ifor Williams twin axle trailer from the premises in Station Road between 8pm on Wednesday, March 14 and 6.45am the following day.
ID marks are painted on the trailer's roof and it is rusty along its bottom frame.
It has a black metal rack at the front and two additional u-brackets to the side.
Call Suffolk Police on 101 quoting the reference MH/12/530 with any information.

## 4x4 taken from drive

A MITSUBISHI Shogun has been stolen from a driveway in Newmarket.
Thieves made off with the blue 4x4 parked in Mill Reef Close on Tuesday, March 20 or the following day.
The vehicle's registration is P767 KWB.
Anyone who has seen it should call Suffolk Police on 101 with the reference NE/12/474.

Big boost: Members of the Community Hospice Team and St Nicholas Hospice Care staff celebrate Big Lottery funding of £169,569. CP

# Lottery cash will help run key team

BY JO DEEKS

Email: editorial@newmarketweeklynews.co.uk

HOSPICE staff members are celebrating being awarded almost £170,000 in lottery funding.

St Nicholas Hospice Care's Community Hospice Team was awarded £169,569 from the Big Lottery Fund, which will part-fund a year's core running costs of the team.

The team, which includes a dedicated nurse for the Newmarket area, works with GPs and district nurses to help those fighting life-shortening illnesses be cared for at home where possible.

The team was set up in March 2009 and has since supported hundreds of patients and their families. Thanks to the grant, a team of palliative care professionals will continue to work alongside district nurses and GPs to provide planned and emergency care.

Barbara Gale, hospice chief executive, said the charity was delighted with the grant – but warned the hospice still relied on the support of the communities of West Suffolk and Thetford.

She said: "The Community Hospice Team is a vital service which plays a pivotal role enabling patients to remain in their own homes for as long as possible and still receive dedicated and specialist care.

"So many patients prefer to receive care in their own homes, surrounded by their family, pets and possessions, and we believe where possible patients have the right to receive this.

"But while this grant is so wonderful and welcome, it only equates to less than two weeks of our annual operating costs of £4.8m.

"In these uncertain financial times, we still very much need the support of the entire community."

Trevor Farrington, head of the Community Hospice Team, said: "We are overjoyed at receiving this award from the Big Lottery Fund.

"The Community Hospice Team has been a great success since it was launched, helping patients, where possible, to remain at home in the final weeks of their life.

"We have already helped hundreds of patients across West Suffolk and Thetford and we are delighted that this valued service can continue for the next year and beyond thanks to this grant."

# New chairman of library group pledges to help service flourish for years to come

A NEW chairman has been appointed to the organisation taking over the running of Suffolk's libraries.

Shona Bendix is taking the reins at the Industrial and Provident Society (IPS), which Suffolk County Council agreed in December would run the county's 44 libraries in partnership with local groups.

Pilots with six community groups are under development and it is envisaged a local group will help run each library.

The local groups will make up the membership of the IPS and will elect board members to replace those appointed to the interim board within 18 months.

Ms Bendix said: "The people I'm working with in the IPS and library service share a very strong and very clear aim – to do what's best for the future of the service.

"This fundamental principle is what's driving all of us to do what we can to make sure our much-loved libraries are able to flourish and continue to be well-used for decades to come. I'm very much looking forward to working in partnership with the board, library groups and the public to turn those ambitions into reality."

She is taking over from Clive Fox, the inaugural chairman of the IPS. He said: "With such a dedicated and committed team of professional employees across the whole service, I am sure libraries in Suffolk have a secure future ahead.

"I am pleased to have been able to make a contribution since last autumn, both as part of the local library group in Aldeburgh and as IPS chairman.

"I've always known that, going forward, it will be difficult to manage the increasing time commit-ments required of the chairman alongside the other voluntary and professional roles I have.

"I've achieved what I set out to achieve and I'm very proud of that. Now's the time for a new chairman to lead the IPS to the next stage and I wish them well in that endeavour."

Cllr Judy Terry, portfolio holder for libraries at Suffolk County Council, said: "Shona is an experienced and well-respected person and I'm confident her strong leadership will have a positive impact on the library service as we work to secure its future."

The new structure is expected to cost at most £652,000 to establish and £2,474,000 less a year to run than in 2010/11.

To find out more about getting involved, email *alison.wheeler@suffolk.gov.uk*.

# Jacquie paints a bit of history

Art: Jacqui Jones paints John and June Sutton. Picture: Keith Jones 814361.

A PORTRAIT of a couple clad as Bonnie Prince Charlie and one of his mistresses was created during a day-long masterclass in Newmarket.

Jacquie Jones, known for her equestrian art, settled down in the old weighing room of the National Horseracing Museum to paint local historian John Sutton and his wife, June, in period costume.

Jacquie said: "It's like being in a goldfish bowl but I'm a performer really – I like painting in public, that interaction with people."

She whipped out her pastels at 11.30am last Wednesday and finished the portrait at about 3.45pm.

She was set to paint the couple again, this time in watercolour, on Wednesday, when John and June were dressed as Charles II and his queen, Lisbon Kate, while Jacquie was to be clad as the king's mistress, Nell Gwyn.

Jacquie said she wanted to create their portrait to let people know about Mr Sutton and Newmarket's history as well as proving that she paints more than horses.

She said: "He is such an important historian in his own right I thought it would be lovely for people to know who he is because he has done a great job in the town making people aware of the historical significance of Newmarket."

John said the outfits made by June, who was dressed as Marie-Louise de la Tour, also let them relive memories of Doge's Balls they had attended at two Venice Carnivals several years ago.

He said: "We had a wonderful discussion with Jacquie and had a good laugh. It was wonderful, we talked a lot about art and things like that – a very imaginative lady."

# Three men accused of robbing pensioner

THREE men accused of robbing a pensioner who was recovering from a stroke have appeared in court.

Derek McCray, Bjorn Grahn and Sean Woods did not enter pleas during the preliminary hearing at Ipswich Crown Court last Thursday.

The men, aged 22, 20 and 21 respectively, were charged with robbery in connection with the incident on the evening of March 10 during which a 76-year-old woman's handbag was grabbed in Kingsway, Mildenhall.

The victim suffered a fractured arm, head and facial injuries as her bag was taken and she was treated in West Suffolk Hospital.

Godfried Duah, prosecuting, told the court the three men were arrested the day after the crime.

Grahn, of Riverside Close, Mildenhall, is also charged with possession of an offensive weapon.

Woods, of Girton Close, Mildenhall, faces two further charges of theft from a person in connection with two separate alleged incidents in Mildenhall on February 18 and February 23.

Lawyers representing Grahn and McCray, of Heath Road, Brandon, said it was expected bail applications would be made in respect of their clients next week.

Judge Peter Thompson remanded Grahn, Woods and McCray in custody.

A plea and case management hearing is due to be held for all three on June 1.

## Shantymen to descend on village

SEA shanties and music will be performed in Burwell next month.

The Sheringham Shantymen will be descending on Burwell Village College on Saturday, April 21.

The men are best known in Norfolk and have played around the UK and in America.

Proceeds from the concert, organised by the Friends of Burwell Museum, will be poured back into the museum's funds.

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# I won my life back from the spectre of alcohol

**Martin, 27, saw his life ruined by drink. Here, he explains how hitting rock bottom finally made him seek help – and why he's daring to step back into a bar this week. . .**

I MADE plenty more mistakes, but that was the first. I couldn't understand what had happened; I couldn't be an alcoholic. Everything was going wrong, yet my drinking habits and desires had not changed from my earliest drinking days. I didn't realise that was the problem.

The first time my parents actually allowed me to drink was at a family barbecue when I was 14. Though, like any self-respecting adolescent, I had been drunk without their knowledge several times before.

After finishing my allotted can of beer I stole an unattended crate of alcopops, feeling no more compunction about it than if I had taken food from the fridge.

I didn't see anything wrong with drinking the bottles alone in my room over the next couple of weeks. I didn't want to drink alone: I was forced to out of necessity. I wouldn't have been allowed to if I asked permission. After all, I came from a good home with loving parents who drank very little. The desire to drink was inherent in me from the start. I wanted to be drunk as soon as I knew what drunk was.

By 18 I was drinking to get drunk at every opportunity. That was what we did, and it was fun. Free of all concern.

You don't have to think about consequences at 18, especially not regarding your health. It isn't supposed to be the first year's heavy drinking that causes problems, it's the next 20, and in that limited sense, we were invincible.

But I was wrong. A few years would pass before endless health problems – that even I couldn't turn a blind eye to – began.

Problems with my heart precipitated several emergency trips to hospital. I'd lie in terror, feeling its beats petering out, thinking I was going to die. Often I'd stay at home and keep drinking to ease the symptoms and the fear.

My brain was racked by the daily agony of migraines caused by exhaustion, abuse and a vascular system already so damaged by alcohol I often spontaneously haemorrhaged, blood streaming from my nose without warning.

My body was falling apart. Drink had ruined me. I was 25.

Then there was the depression. Alcohol no longer made me happy yet I continued to drink, thinking it would. I drank until I was beyond drunk every day, almost exclusively alone now.

Half a year before I stopped drinking, I called in on my parents after a day's solitary binge on Parker's Piece. My dad found me in the kitchen, very drunk, about 6pm. Concerned, and ignorant of my usual drinking habits, he told me I shouldn't be drunk so early in the day.

I turned to face him with blank eyes. 'Better than killing myself,' I said, silencing him.

I only called AA once I understood I had no option but to stop drinking or to die. I sat down in my first meeting, hands shaking so badly I spilled tea all down myself. Only one thought passed through my mind: 'If you manage not to drink it proves you are not an alcoholic. If you prove you are not an alcoholic you can keep drinking.'

Such was my double-think logic. Prevarication and denial are an alcoholic's arsenal and my guns were fully loaded.

Somehow I survived that first night without drinking. Waking out of a tremulous half-sleep next morning, I got up and went to my first shift in the pub. Detox sweat soaked my clothes. My long, lank hair stuck to my face until the manager asked me to tie it up.

Pouring the first pint was a torture I'll never forget. I hadn't had a drink for more than 24 hours and there I stood, in a pub, beer in hand, fresh from the barrel, poured for someone else. I nearly cried: I was on the wrong side of the bar.

That night everything changed. I went to my second meeting and received proof I was an alcoholic. The floor was open for anyone to speak and one man felt like sharing.

He said he had been living near a public toilet block and, aside from the same clothes that he had been wearing for six months, he had only had two things left in his possession: a sieve and a plug. He was vomiting so regularly he'd go into the toilets, block a sink, vomit into the sieve, remove any solids and re-drink the stomach juice so as not to waste

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**Read more on Martin's website *www.openalc.com*. His book, provisionally titled *The Sieve That Strained The Soul*, will be available in the coming months.**

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the alcohol.

My immediate reaction to that terrible story was shock – shock that I hadn't thought of such a simple, obvious, brilliant idea myself.

Then the full realisation of what I had thought hit me. I knew I was an alcoholic.

It was a major breakthrough. The moment you can say 'I am an alcoholic' is the famous First Step. I saw that I had never been in control and felt a new determination grow within me and, increasingly, a new despair: I could never drink again.

The next two weeks passed in a blur of physical upheaval. I didn't sleep. Sweat gushed out of every pore; a lifetime's alcoholic gunk flooding from me.

I drank five litres of water a day and still felt dehydrated. I was gripped by constipation and ate huge meals and three Yorkie bars a day, just to keep my energy levels up. With the loss of 3,000 calories or more of alcohol every day I still lost 10lbs in my first two weeks without drink.

Then I made my next big mistake.

I stopped attending AA meetings. I'd been to 10 and they felt like they'd done the trick. I wasn't a huge fan of their format and thought I could handle it alone.

Things quickly began to deteriorate. I became the cellar-man in the pub, personally handling the kegs and looking after the real ale. Then I began to encourage the girl I was seeing to drink so I could kiss her and taste the booze.

By February, four months sober, I'd reached my limit. I walked home after a hard shift at the pub and couldn't see how life could ever be good again. Alcohol once made life better. It made being me bearable. Now it was gone forever. It felt like I had lost my soul.

I sat alone at home, saw a knife on the kitchen worktop and made up my mind that I would take my life. I paused at the last second, determined to make the right decision as there would be no going back.

A part of me knew I wouldn't always want to die. So I waited, gripped by uncertainty until it became near unendurable. It wasn't the feeling of wanting to die that hurt, but the pain of forcing myself to live that was hell.

I spent the next three days unable to go into the kitchen and near the knife and, consequently, couldn't even walk through to the bathroom. I didn't wash and had to urinate behind the hedge in front of my house.

Thoughts of my friends and family finally brought me back. I remembered that there was love there and put the knife away, along with all thoughts of suicide.

I realised that you can't just stop drinking and expect to survive. I was living in abstinence – I wasn't recovering from alcoholism.

One of the biggest obstacles to recovery was now my job in the pub. I quit and swore never to serve a drink again.

Now I am going to break my word.

This week I will be pulling pints and pouring whiskey in the ADC Theatre as I play Brendan in *The Weir*. Set in a rural pub in Ireland, it involves constant drinking throughout.

I wouldn't have been able to play the part a year ago, though I suppose it does help that Conor McPherson's play is as mesmerising and enjoyable as it is. The drinking – even of non-alcoholic stage drinks – would have been too much for me.

Drinking there feels both oblique and entirely personal to me. Rather than burrow into my alcoholic personality as it once would have, it now reinforces what I already know – that I am an alcoholic. I am the same person now that I have always been and always will be. The only difference is I know how to be him now.

After years of deluding myself that I was a normal drinker, I have since learnt that I was right in a respect in that I was the same as other drinkers, for no one drinks to stay the same.

There will always be alcoholics. It can't be helped. All we can do is make it as easy as possible for alcoholics to recognise what they are, and let them know that it is alright not to drink. It is even possible. That is true for everybody.

Even now, despite everything, there are still days I want to drink, but there are no days that pass that I am not glad to be sober.

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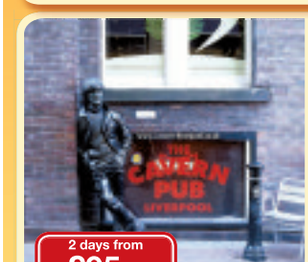


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# Find a happy medium at spiritualism day

CELEBRATE the 164th anniversary of modern spiritualism at a day of mediumship in Newmarket.

The event will include demonstrations of mediumship, a session to find out how psychic visitors are and a talk on mediumship today.

Guests at Saturday's event will be able to book private readings and learn more about spiritualism's teachings.

Prizes on offer in the raffle include artwork by Victoria Neal and Sally Butler, a Nikon Coolpix S2500 camera and a manicure voucher.

The event at the Spiritualists' National Union Newmarket Pioneer Centre at the Scout headquarters in Cardigan Street will kick off at 10.30am and finish at 5pm.

Admission costs £6.

# Pair who cheated school lose £480k

MORE than £480,000 is to be confiscated from two directors of a company found guilty of cheating charities, schools and businesses.

Among the victims of Christopher Boughton-Fox, 49, and Jonathan Parrish, 43, at Business Telecom was West Row Primary School, which was persuaded to sign up for telephone equipment.

The school near Mildenhall is to recover £6,477 from the fraudsters following a confiscation hearing at Ipswich Crown Court.

Both men had contested prosecution figures about how much they gained from their illegal activities and how much they should be forced to hand over.

Financial investigators who have been studying seized documentation revealed what assets belonging to the former managing director and sales director remain during the three-day hearing which finished last Wednesday.

Judge Peter Thompson ruled Boughton-Fox had benefited from the frauds by £1.3m and Parrish by £1.4m.

Boughton-Fox was ordered to hand over his remaining assets, which total £179,000, while Parrish will forfeit the £304,991 which remains in his bank accounts.

If they fail to hand over the money within the next six months Boughton-Fox will have to serve an additional two-and-a-half years in prison and Parrish an additional three years and three months.

The ex-directors were jailed in April last year, Boughton-Fox for seven years and Parrish for five and a half years.

During their trial, it emerged that Boughton-Fox, of Thorpe St Andrew near Norwich and Parrish, of Reedham in Norfolk, had systematically lied to customers while sales staff pretended that the company was part of British Telecom.

At one time Boughton-Fox was being paid a £600,000 salary while Parrish said he could earn £40,000 a month.

Reach high: Mildenhall College students go through their paces. Pictures: Keith Jones 814369 / 814368

# Dancers inspired by Games

**DANCES themed around the Olympic Games have been performed by more than 60 students in Mildenhall.**

**Pupils from Mildenhall College of Technology and the Riverside and College Heath middle schools in the town took part in the show at the Mildenhall (Dome) Leisure Centre recently.**

**Each school's dance also drew on a different secondary theme, with the performance by year 10 students from Mildenhall College inspired by Greek mythology.**

**The schools have been working on the project, organised by DanceEast, a dance agency based in Ipswich, since the February half term.**

## Nine charged over yard raid

NINE men have been charged with stealing metal from a scrapyard in Snailwell.

A police helicopter was scrambled to help officers track down people spotted at the European Metal Recycling site in Fordham Road just before midnight on Monday, March 19.

The men charged are from the Kent area – two are 19 and the others are aged 20, 22, 24, 26, 29, 46 and 49.

They have all been bailed to appear at Cambridge Magistrates' Court on April 3.

## Bike taken from drive

A MOTORBIKE was stolen from a Beck Row driveway.

The black Yamaha R1, registration 6354M, was taken from Aspal Lane between 4am and 7.30am on Monday, March 19.

## Trailer gone from car park

A TRAILER was stolen from a Beck Row car park.

The single-axle Ifor Williams trailer has orange staining and a loading ramp.

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# Rattigan's Brown study

SARA Crowe and James Wilby star in Terence Rattigan's rediscovered gem, *Less Than Kind* – a play about family relationships which sparkles with classic Rattigan wit and wisdom.

The play was revived last year as part of Rattigan's centenary celebrations, enjoying a successful run at the Jermyn Street Theatre in London.

The original 1944 play was extensively rewritten for Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne with the title *Love in Idleness* and *O Mistress Mine* in the US. Since its rediscovery it has been published in a new Rattigan collection by Nick Hem.

The play follows the Brown family, delving into the complex relationships between mothers and sons and the effects of time and change.

Michael Brown has just returned from five years' evacuation in Canada: an idealistic socialist, he is horrified to discover that his widowed mother, Olivia, is now living with Sir John Fletcher, married Tory MP and industrialist. The action centres on Olivia's anguish as she is torn between her love for her son and for her new flame.

Rattigan wrote 25 stage plays, plus numerous one-act plays, radio, television and film scripts which are still performed extensively worldwide. These include *The Browning Version, The Winslow Boy* (both of which played to great acclaim in Cambridge in 2009) and *Separate Tables*. His films also included *The Prince and the Showgirl*, which was the picture Lawrence Olivier attempted to shoot with Marilyn Monroe, as seen in the recent film, *My Week with Marilyn*.

The cast of *Less Than Kind* includes James Wilby (Sir John Fletcher), Sara Crowe (Olivia Brown), Caroline Head (Diana Fletcher), David Osmond (Michael Brown), Katie Evans (Polton) and Michelle Morris (Miss Dell).

James Wilby's most recent credits include *Gosford Park* and will be seen in the upcoming ITV series *Titanic* this April.

Award-winning actress Sara Crowe's most recent stage role was Lady Frugal in *City Madam* at the RSC. West End roles include *Calendar Girls* and *Bedroom Farce*. Most noted for her role in the Richard Curtis classic *Four Weddings and A Funeral* she has also worked extensively in television including shows with Jo Brand, Harry Enfield and Rory Bremner.

David Osmond was in *The History Boys* at the National Theatre and the tour of *Lark Rise To Candleford* with Sara Crowe.

■ ***Less Than Kind*, Cambridge Arts Theatre, until Saturday at 7.45pm. Tickets are from £15. Contact (01223) 503333 / *www.cambridgeartstheatre.com*.**

**FAMILY AFFAIR: James Wilby and Sara Crowe star in *Less Than Kind,* at the Cambridge Arts Theatre. Inset left, David Osmond with Caroline Head.**

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# Jessie joins the race

POP superstar Jessie J, who has just signed up as a judge for new rival X Factor-style talent show The Voice, is the latest act to be announced for Newmarket Nights this summer.

It will be the Brit Award winner's only East Anglia concert of 2012, and will see the singer-songwriter perform chart-topping hits including Price Tag, Do it Like a Dude and Domino.

Adrian Simpson, sales and marketing director at Newmarket Racecourses, says: "Jessie J is without doubt one of the most unique and talented artists of the moment. She has an incredible voice and her appearance at Newmarket Racecourses will be nothing less than explosive. She's an absolute credit to our existing line-up of Madness, Tom Jones and Frankie Valli."

This is the first time Jessie J has performed at Newmarket Racecourses and tickets are expected to sell fast. She performs on August 17 and tickets start from £21 for adults (£12 under 16s).

To book tickets or for more information visit *www.newmarketracecourses.co.uk* or call (01638) 675500. Advanced booking is essential.

## Shipboard romance

THE Perse Players invite you on board the SS America for their Lent Term production of Cole Porter's classic musical, *Anything Goes*. There'll be disguises aplenty and laughs by the bucketload as they retell this much-adored sea-faring love story, bursting with fabulous musical numbers such as *De Lovely, Easy To Love, Blow Gabriel* and, of course, *Anything Goes*. When young Billy Crocker glimpses a beautiful,

**ON SONG: *Anything Goes*, at The Junction tonight.**

mysterious girl on board the deck of a ship, Billy stows away in the hope of meeting her. However, the intriguing Hope Harcourt is already engaged, and is being escorted by her mother back to England to be married. A cast of larger-than-life characters join Billy's quest to win her heart and her hand – however, there are gangsters abroad, and not everything is as it appears to be.

■ ***Anything Goes*, The Junction, until today, 7pm. Tickets are £10 (£5 concessions) from (01223) 511511 / *www.junction.co.uk*.**

## Audition date for Nomads

AUDITION for the first UK amateur production of *Whistle Down the Wind* by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The Newmarket Operatic Musical and Dramatic Society, Nomads, have been given the go-ahead to perform the musical at the end of May and the start of June.

Learn more about the show and the auditions process at a sing through of the script tonight from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Newmarket's Scaltback Middle School.

Auditions will be held at the Kings Theatre in Newmarket on Tuesday, April 3, and Thursday, April 5, at 7.30pm.

## Get creative this Easter

THERE'S a chance to be creative at an Easter egg eggstravaganza in Newmarket on Saturday.

The Newmarket Lions are inviting youngsters aged 11 or under to write an Easter poem of less than 10 lines or draw a picture inspired by the occasion.

The youngsters can hand it in to them outside Marks and Spencer in the Guineas shopping centre between 9am and 3pm.

Children can also take part in competitions at the stall or create a picture there if they have not prepared something beforehand.

Every submission will win an egg and there will be first, second and third prizes of book tokens for the winners in each age group.

The entries should have the child's name, age and a contact telephone number on the back.

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Wrath Of The Titans (12A): Fri 10.50am, 1.15, 3.50, 6.15, 8.45; Sat 1.15, 3.50, 6.15, 8.45; Sun-Thu 10.50am, 1.15, 3.50, 6.15, 8.45
Pirates! In an adventure with scientists! [3D] (U): Fri-Thu 10.30am, 11.15am, 12.45, 1.30, 3, 3.45, 6, 8.20
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Streetdance 2 [3D] (PG): Fri 10.25am, 2.40, 4.50, 7.05, 9.20; Sat 2.40, 4.50, 7.05, 9.20; Sun-Thu 10.25am, 2.40, 4.50, 7.05, 9.20
Streetdance 2 (PG): Fri-Thu 12.35 (subtitles Thu)
The Hunger Games (12A): Fri-Sat 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.35, 2.30, 4.25, 5.30, 7.30, 8.30, 10.30; Sun 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.35, 2.30, 4.25, 5.30, 7.30, 8.30; Mon-Thu 11.30am, 2.30, 4.25, 5.30, 7.30, 8.30
The Devil Inside (15): Fri-Sat 11
Contraband (15): Fri-Sat 10.40
21 Jump Street (15): Fri-Sun 12.10, 5.40, 9; Mon 12.10, 9; Tues-Thu 12.10, 5.40, 9
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In Darkness (15): Fri 5; Sat 8; Sun 4.15; Mon 5; Weds 11.am; Thurs 1.30
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## The big film

**THE PIRATES! IN AN ADVENTURE WITH SCIENTISTS (3D)**
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AARDMAN Animations' latest offering showcases the extraordinary craftsmanship of director Peter Lord and his team. Their artistry is astonishing and backgrounds are crammed with detail and sly visual gags.

It's the mid 19th Century and Queen Victoria (voiced by Imelda Staunton) has declared war on all pirates who dare to sail around Britain's waters.

The Pirate Captain (Hugh Grant) is the leader of a ragtag group of seadogs but his enthusiasm far exceeds his questionable ability to plunder booty. His subordinates include Pirate with Scarf (Martin Freeman), Pirate with Gout (Brendan Gleeson), Albino Pirate (Russell Tovey) and Surprisingly Curvaceous Pirate (Ashley Jensen), whose glaringly obvious gender is concealed behind a false beard. Consequently, The Pirate Captain and his crew are a laughing stock, derided by rivals such as Black Bellamy (Jeremy Piven), Cutlass Liz (Salma Hayek) and Peg Leg Hastings (Lenny Henry).

To prove them, The Pirate Captain sets out to capture a Bank of England treasure ship but inadvertently storms The Beagle and captures a young Charles Darwin (David Tennant) and his primate manservant, Mister Bobo. The scientist leads the pirates on a merry dance that might just end with the beleaguered Captain taking home the coveted Pirate Of The Year prize. But first they must venture to the capital without being spotted by the Queen.

The film draws on Aardman's trademark visual style and playful sense of humour, while the script is peppered with some wry one-liners. Grant is a snug fit for the misguided Captain and supporting cast have fun with their slender roles, including Brian Blessed in suitably bombastic form as the Pirate King. The script, adapted by Gideon Defoe from his book, walks the gang plank of belly laughs and gentle emotion although none of the characters threaten to usurp Wallace and his resourceful pooch in our affections because, for all its dazzling qualities, there's no escaping a feeling that this madcap voyage falls short of the brilliance of Aardman's earlier works.

# THE GUIDE | PUZZLES

## Sudoku

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■ Last week's solution

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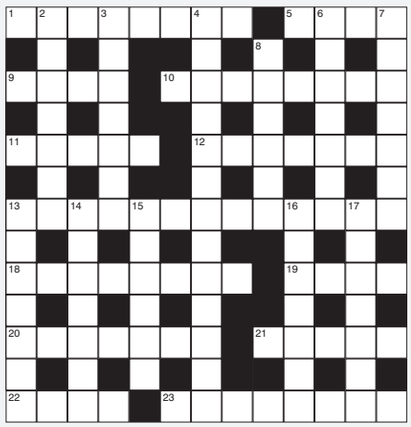

### Cryptic clues

**Across**

1. Where lawyers drink? (2,3,3)
5. What is of least value in clouds, cumulus especially (4)
9. Low-sounding fish (4)
10. Attempt to get another court hearing? (3,5)
11. Blacksmith's equipment in a Roman villa (5)
12. To beg is thus lawful (7)
13. Possibly parcels enrich royal personage (6,7)
18. Saw return on defective flute as uneconomic (8)
19. Gave food to about 50 and ran away (4)
20. Concerning an inventory for a facer of facts (7)
21. Some other odd old king (5)
22. Proper expression of regard for indirect tax (4)
23. Correspondingly? (2,6)

**Down**

2. Coach for railway traveller? (7)
3. She's in a sort of sackcloth (7)
4. Not touching towns in a vexed state? (6,7)
6. Risk a pound in church (7)
7. Record of business covered in a very short time (7)
8. In the mail, had returned a flower (6)
13. Given energy from rope we'd broken (7)
14. Immediate brief period of time (7)
15. Parson breaks up circle (6)
16. Think carefully how to produce an image (7)
17. Looks on mineral as a hideosity (7)

### Quick clues

**Across**

1. Trachea (8)
5. Page (4)
9. Overtake (4)
10. Agreement (8)
11. Call on (5)
12. Ape (7)
13. Faultiness (13)
18. Rite (8)
19. Module (4)
20. First (7)
21. Characteristic (5)
22. Always (4)
23. Monocle (8)

**Down**

2. Fancy (7)
3. Notwithstanding (7)
4. Temporarily (13)
6. Issue (7)
7. Obesity (7)
8. Endeavour (6)
13. Wane (7)
14. Stealthy (7)
15. Entrust (6)
16. Impartial (7)
17. Mood (7)

**Last week's solution – Cryptic clues across:** 1 Pickle; 4 Gambit; 9 Sensationally; 10 Averted; 11 Stern; 12 Scale; 14 Hardy; 18 Handy; 19 Intense; 21 Printing press; 22 Dogged; 23 Wrests. **Down:** 1 Postal; 2 Condescending; 3 Least; 5 Amnesia; 6 Ballet dancers; 7 Trying; 8 Hindi; 13 Layette; 15 Shaped; 16 Giant; 17 Senses; 20 Toper.
**Quick clues across:** 1 Evince; 4 Banned; 9 Indistinctive; 10 Respect; 11 Ethos; 12 Leash; 14 Stoop; 18 Ensue; 19 Reserve; 21 Ambidexterous; 22 Dreary; 23 Gladly. **Down:** 1 Emigre; 2 Indispensable; 3 Caste; 5 Ancient; 6 Neighbourhood; 7 Dressy; 8 Piste; 13 Slender; 15 Herald; 16 Proxy; 17 Jersey; 20 Smell.


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# It's a Chelsea first for Swift

FOR a man making his debut at the illustrious Chelsea Flower Show this year, TV gardener Joe Swift seems remarkably relaxed, even though advice is being thrown at him from all directions.

"Titchmarsh has been asking me for years when I was going to do a garden. Andy Sturgeon (a Chelsea gold medal winner and competitor at this year's event), who's a good friend of mine, has given me some good advice about the approach and organising yourself, how to deal with things on site and how to keep focused, because there are a lot of distractions."

He hasn't so far encountered any of the feuding which can come with such a competitive show.

Remember the bitter row a few years ago between Sturgeon and rival Diarmuid Gavin, who accused him of plagiarism? Or the time when Gavin fell out with *Gardeners' Question Time* panellist Bunny Guinness over the height of a wall?

Swift remains unperturbed, although he is aware of the high level of competition which will ensue as the event draws nearer.

"My landscaper said 'the closer you get to the show, the more competitive others become'. But everyone's been unbelievably

by Hannah Stephenson

supportive."

It has taken a year for his Homebase Teenage Cancer Trust garden to come to fruition. The inspiration for it comes from his vision of combining natural elements with city living.

"Living in a city, you notice beautiful natural materials and are physically drawn to them. I have boulders, a huge wooden frame and running water in the show garden.

"The idea is to connect the city and suburban dweller to those natural materials that might not be so prevalent in the city, where you get a lot of concrete and tarmac and other hard elements.

"It's incredibly relevant. City-cooling in the summer and creating more green space in the city is extremely important.

"In a city space you want to keep the focus within the garden because you don't have the rolling hills beyond to tie in the extended landscape.

"It's all about creating key views within a garden, and you can do that in a small garden by placing key sculpture, plants and water here and there.

"People need to think big in a small space. Don't put loads of little things in a small garden. Put one or two big things in there to make a real impact."

Plants in his show garden will include trees such as stemmed Cornus Mas and Prunus 'Amber Beauty' alongside a London plane tree, all selected for their sculptural forms and the interesting colour and texture of their bark.

He wants the garden to be aspirational, but recognises that visitors may want to take some aspect of the garden home with them.

With this in mind, Homebase has launched The Chelsea Collection, a range of plants inspired by Swift's design.

"It's important to be able to take elements of Chelsea home with you but it is the catwalk of design. Very few people are going to create a garden that's on the level of Chelsea but I think there are loads of ideas for planting areas and ways of using sculpture and furniture that people should be inspired by."

Oranges, acid yellows, burgundies and rust-coloured flowers combine to create a warm colour palette in his garden.

Many are currently under glass and will be in and out of the greenhouse on a daily basis to ensure they are perfect for May.

Iris, geums, potentillas, roses, libertia and grevilleas all feature, some of which can be easily grown in this country.

"There has to be an element of sustainability but some of these plants aren't hardy," he admits.

"But it is a climate change garden to a degree. Four cedarwood frames will be coming from Germany, while the stone, boulders, walling and gravel mulch are from Yorkshire and the perennials are British grown."

The RHS has extremely high criteria of entry, demanding details of design, landscaping, material sourcing and budget.

"It's interesting being on the other side of the ropes," he says.

"The scariest thing for me is getting my planting right. I feel quite confident about the garden design. There's a lot of hard structure and it's trying to counterbalance that with some really lovely, original planting."

He says he's not too worried about being awarded any medals.

"It's not like I've got two or three Chelsea golds in the past so there's not something to live up to. I just want to build a garden I'm happy with. A medal isn't the most important thing to me."

**The RHS Chelsea Flower Show runs from May 22 to 26. For details, phone 0844 338 0338 or visit *www.rhs.org.uk/chelsea***

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## SATURDAY

### BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live.
11.30 The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo.
12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
12.15 Football Focus.
1.00 British Olympic Dreams.
1.30 World Olympic Dreams. Matthew Pinsent meets a Brazilian boxer who trains in the Rio de Janeiro slum where his father was killed.
2.00 Bargain Hunt.
3.00 Cash in the Attic.
3.45 You Are the Weakest Link – Goodbye. Last in the series.
4.30 Final Score.
5.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
5.30 A Question of Sport.
6.00 Winter Wipeout Celebrity Special. Terry Christian, Sophie Anderton and Peter Shilton are among the famous faces tackling the assault course.
7.00 The Voice UK.
8.20 The National Lottery: In It to Win It.
9.10 Casualty. Jordan's date with Yvonne is put on hold when a former ED patient collapses in prison after being arrested for assaulting Lloyd.
10.00 BBC News; Weather.
10.20 Match of the Day. (C) National Lottery Update.
11.45 The Football League Show. Highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures.
1.05 Weatherview.

### BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Harry and Toto. 6.10 Lunar Jim. 6.20 Raa Raa the Noisy Lion. 6.35 Chuggington. 6.45 Pinky Dinky Doo. 7.00 CBBC: Richard Hammond's Blast Lab. 7.30 Dennis and Gnasher. 7.40 The Scooby-Doo Show. 8.05 Pixelface. 8.35 Prank Patrol Down Under. 9.00 Ultimate Sports Day. 9.30 Ultimate Sports Day. 10.00 Animals at Work. 10.30 My Life: Bionic Me. 11.00 Hacker Time. 11.25 OOglies. 11.40 MOTD Kickabout. 12.00 Coast. Locations around the British shoreline.
12.20 FILM: Becket (1964). Historical drama, starring Richard Burton
2.45 FILM: All for Love (1999). Romantic drama.
4.10 Flog It!
5.10 Match of the Day Live. Blackpool v Southampton (Kick-off 5.25pm).
7.30 Dad's Army.
8.00 How God Made the English. Diarmaid MacCulloch concludes his investigation into the nature of Englishness.
9.00 Have I Got Old News for You.
9.30 Arena: Jonathan Miller. Profile of the doctor and humorist.
11.00 The Zoo In Winter. Jonathan Miller visits ZSL London Zoo in Regent's Park during the off-season.
11.45 The Sarah Millican Television Programme.
12.15 FILM: The Salton Sea (2002). Crime thriller, starring Val Kilme and Vincent D'Onofrio.

### ITV

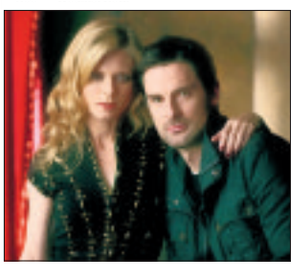
6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV.
9.25 ITV News.
9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.
10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.
11.25 This Morning: Saturday.
12.25 Murder, She Wrote.
1.25 ITV News and Weather.
1.40 FILM: A Cinderella Story (2004). An unhappy teenager at the beck and call of a selfish stepmother and her nasty daughters finds hope through an online romance. Comedy, starring Hilary Duff.
3.35 FILM: Forever Young (1992). Romantic sci-fi drama.
5.25 Anglia News and Weather.
5.40 ITV News and Weather.
6.00 New You've Been Framed!
6.30 Best of Harry Hill's TV Burp.
7.00 All Star Family Fortunes. Vernon Kay welcomes comedian Ed Byrne and Downton Abbey actress Lesley Nicol.
8.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec present the second audition show.
9.05 Take Me Out.
10.20 ITV News and Weather
10.35 FILM: Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008). A musician is devastated when his actress girlfriend leaves him, and he tries to cure his broken heart with a holiday in Hawaii, where his ex turns out to be staying at the same resort, with her new boyfriend – a successful rock star – in tow.
12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines.
3.00 In Plain Sight.

### CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People.
6.10 The Hoobs. 6.35 The Hoobs.
7.00 The Grid.
7.25 FIM World Superbikes.
7.50 Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Jody Cundy – Part Two.
7.55 The Morning Line. Racing preview.
8.55 T4: Koko Pop. 9.25 The Wanted: Backstage in Brazil. 10.00 Charlie's Angels. 10.55 Come Dine with Me: Made in Chelsea Special. 11.55 The Big Bang Theory. 12.25 The Big Bang Theory. 12.55 The Simpsons. 1.25 The Simpsons.
1.55 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Doncaster, Kempton Park and Meydan.
4.05 Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Ellie Simmonds – Part Two. How the Paralympic swimming gold medallist copes with pressure.
4.10 Come Dine with Me. From the West Country. Also 4.40, 5.15, and 5.45.
6.15 Channel 4 News.
6.45 4thought.tv.
6.50 FILM: Avatar (2009). A paraplegic marine is sent undercover in an alien tribe to spy for a corrupt mining executive. James Cameron's sci-fi adventure, with Sam Worthington and Zoe Saldana.
10.00 The Million Pound Drop Live.
11.35 FILM: Alfie (2004). Comedy-drama remake, starring Jude Law and Sienna Miller.
1.30 FILM: Last Days (2004).

### CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.25 City of Friends. 6.40 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. 6.50 Igam Ogam. 7.00 Roobarb and Custard Too. 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. 7.20 Family! 7.30 Make Way for Noddy. 7.45 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. 7.55 Little Princess. 8.15 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. 8.30 Angelina Ballerina. 8.45 Rupert Bear. 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. 9.15 The Mr Men Show. 9.30 Roary the Racing Car. 9.40 Mist:Sheepdog Tales. 10.00 Animal Rescue Squad. 10.15 Holiday Heaven on Earth. 10.45 Mirror Mirror: Movie Special. 11.15 Police Interceptors.
12.15 WWI Top Gun: Revealed.
1.15 FILM: Battle of Britain (1969).
3.50 FILM: Operation: Daybreak (1975). Fact-based Second World War drama,
6.15 5 News Weekend.
6.20 NCIS.
7.10 NCIS.
8.00 NCIS. Part one of two. Ziva is forced to confront her past.
9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.
10.00 CSI: NY. The team investigates the apparent death of a cage fighter.
10.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. The unit is brought into conflict with the Pentagon.
11.50 Inside Hollywood.
12.00 SuperCasino.



**Silent Witness**
BBC1, Sunday, 9pm.

**Britain's Got Talent**
ITV1, Saturday, 8pm.

**Avatar**
Channel 4, Saturday, 6.50pm.

**Once Upon a Time**
Channel 5, Sunday, 8pm.

## SUNDAY

### BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
7.35 Match of the Day.
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 The Big Questions.
11.00 Country Tracks; (C) Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.00 Sunday Politics.
1.05 EastEnders.
2.55 Bargain Hunt.
3.40 Escape to the Country.
4.40 Songs of Praise.
5.15 Titanic with Len Goodman. The Strictly Come Dancing judge explores the impact of the Titanic tragedy, hearing the stories of people who survived the disaster, and those who were less fortunate.
5.45 Land Girls. Events spiral out of Connie's control when her past catches up with her. Iris makes a shocking discovery, while Esther decides to face her critics.
6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Countryfile. Includes Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon.
9.00 Silent Witness. The forensic investigation drama returns with six two-part stories. The team attends a triple murder at a farmhouse,
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Room 101 – Extra Storage.
11.05 The Syndicate. Drama
12.05 The Sky at Night.

### BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Harry and Toto. 6.10 Lunar Jim. 6.20 Raa Raa the Noisy Lion. 6.35 Chuggington. 6.45 Pinky Dinky Doo. 7.00 CBBC: Richard Hammond's Blast Lab. 7.30 Dennis and Gnasher. 7.40 The Scooby-Doo Show; (C) The Owl. 8.05 Paradise Cafe. 8.30 Wingin' It; (C) Deadly 60 Bites. 9.00 Friday Download. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.
11.30 FILM: 4 for Texas (1963). Comedy Western.
1.20 FILM: Ill Met By Moonlight (1957). Fact-based WW2 thriller, starring Dirk Bogarde.
3.05 FILM: The Wind and the Lion (1975). Period adventure.
5.00 Flog It!
6.00 TOTP2: Girl Groups. Includes footage of the Supremes, Spice Girls and the Pointer Sisters.
7.00 Sandhurst. The cadets confront the harsh reality of life as an Army officer, as they try to come to terms with the prospect of having to kill – and possibly even being killed.
8.00 The Best of Top Gear.
9.00 The Falklands Legacy with Max Hastings.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. The day's Premier League action.
11.00 Twenty Twelve. Part one of two. The spoof documentary returns.
11.30 FILM: Michael Collins (1996). Factbased drama about the Irish patriot and revolutionary, starring Liam Neeson.
1.35 BBC News.

### ITV

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV.
9.25 ITV News.
9.30 Ade in Britain.
10.30 May the Best House Win.
11.30 Dickinson's Real Deal.
12.30 ITV News and Weather
12.35 You've Been Framed!
1.05 Britain's Got Talent.
2.05 FILM: Columbo: A Case of Immunity (1975). Detective drama, starring Peter Falk.
3.40 Midsomer Murders. A sex scandal resurfaces following the murder of a former detective. Last in the series.
5.40 Anglia News and Weather.
5.55 ITV News and Weather.
6.10 FILM: Harry Potter and the Half- Blood Prince (2009). Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Michael Gambon, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint.
9.00 Titanic. The story returns to the beginning, to the Belfast shipyard where political strife interferes with the Titanic's construction, prompting the designer to offer electrical engineer Jim Maloney steerage passage on the liner – if he and his team can finish the wiring on time.
10.00 ITV News at Ten and Weather.
10.15 Perspectives: Lenny Henry – Finding Shakespeare. The comedian charts his changing relationship with the Bard,
11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the latest fixtures.
12.10 The Zone. Interactive gaming; ITV News Headlines.

### CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. 6.35 The Hoobs.
7.00 Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show.
7.30 Channel 4 Presents – 2012: David Clarke – Part Two.
7.35 Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered.
8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. Also 8.30.
8.55 Frasier. Also 9.25.
10.00 Sunday Brunch.
12.00 The Big Bang Theory. Also 12.30
1.00 The Simpsons. Also 1.30
2.00 FILM: Addams Family Values (1993). Comedy sequel.
3.45 FILM: Aliens in the Attic (2009). Premiere. Children's sci-fi comedy.
5.25 Time Team.
6.25 Deal or No Deal.
7.25 Channel 4 News.
7.55 4thought.tv.
8.00 Disasters at Sea: Why Ships Sink. To mark the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, this documentary examines the disaster and asks why maritime catastrophes still occur.
9.00 Homeland. Aileen flees from the CIA and tries to reach Mexico.
10.10 FILM: Sorority Row (2009). Horror remake, starring Briana Evigan and Leah Pipes.
12.05 FILM: The Descent (2005). Horror, starring Shauna Macdonald.
1.55 FILM: 5x2: Cinq Fois Deux (2004). Drama.

### CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.25 City of Friends. 6.35 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. 6.50 Castle Farm. 6.55 Igam Ogam. 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. 7.25 Family! 7.35 Make Way for Noddy. 7.45 Milkshake! Monkey. 7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. 8.00 Little Princess. 8.15 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. 8.30 Angelina Ballerina. 8.45 Rupert Bear. 8.55 Milkshake! Show Songs. 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. 9.15 The Mr Men Show. 9.25 Roary the Racing Car. 9.40 Mist:Sheepdog Tales. 10.00 Inside Hollywood. 10.10 Grey's Anatomy. 11.05 Big Body Squad. 12.05 Emergency Bikers. 1.05 Cowboy Builders.
2.00 FILM: Winnie the Pooh: Springtime with Roo (2004).
3.15 FILM: High School Musical 3: Senior Year (2008).
5.25 5 News.
5.30 FILM: Mrs Doubtfire (1993).
8.00 Once Upon a Time. New series. Fantasy drama set in a town where everyone is a fairy-tale character living under a curse. Only one woman can save them – Snow White's daughter.
9.00 FILM: Rush Hour 2 (2001).
10.40 FILM: In Hell (2003). Action adventure.
12.35 The World of Stupid Criminals.

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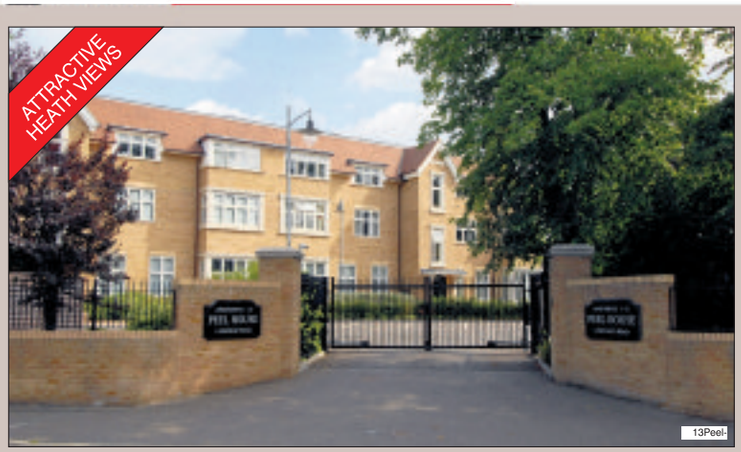

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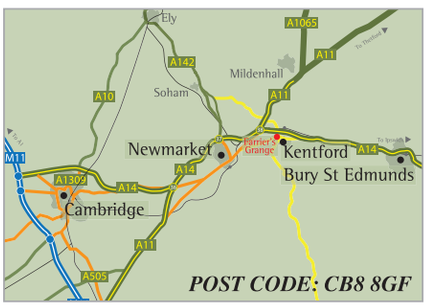


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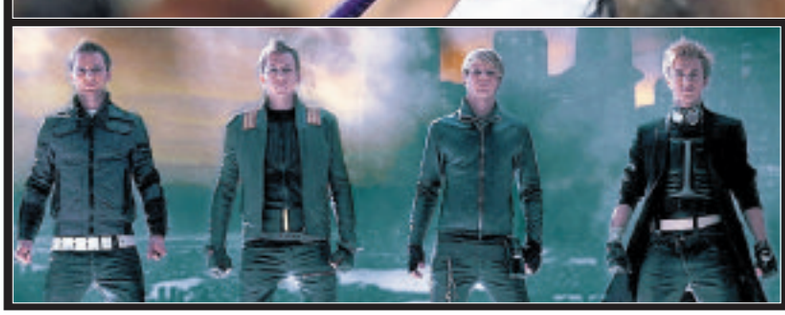

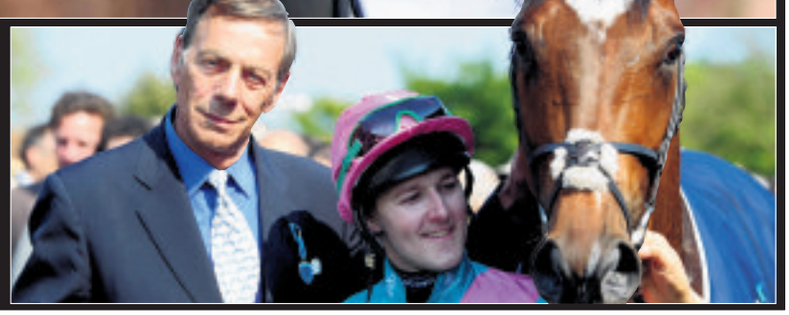

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**AT HOME:** Amy Starkey, the managing director at Newmarket Racecourses who knows the area well after occupying a similar role at Huntingdon for three years

# NEWMARKET

## *The Stark choice*

**COVER PICTURES:** Clockwise, Hayley Turner celebrates her historic win on Margot Did in the Nunthorpe Stakes at York; Sir Henry Cecil, jockey Tom Queally and the all-conquering Frankel; and McFly, who will be appearing at the July Course this year

**HQ THROUGH THE YEAR:** Clockwise from top, the QIPCO Guineas Festival, the Piper Heidsieck July Festival, Dubai Future Champions Day »

**A NEW FLAT RACING** season sees a new face at the helm of Newmarket Racecourses. Amy Starkey has taken over as managing director after Stephen Wallis left to take up a position as group director of international and racing relations at Jockey Club Racecourses.

And while Starkey may be a new name to Newmarket, she is more than familiar with the region.

She held the post of managing director at Huntingdon Racecourse from 2005 to 2008, before spending four years in the same role at Kempton Park.

"I've always liked the area and spent three great years at Huntingdon, but I can't even begin to tell you how honoured I am to be able to run both courses at Newmarket," said the 30-year-old. "I love racing, and to be at the home of racing is a great honour and accolade – it's more than I dreamed of and it's still sinking in.

"I think the experiences that I have gained in seven years at the Jockey Club stand me in great stead for Newmarket. And I'm looking forward to not only top Flat racing but also the heritage and history of Newmarket, as well as Newmarket Nights.

"Both Stephen (Wallis) and Lisa (Hancock) did an amazing job, so I have big boots to fill."

Along with overseeing the Rowley Mile and the July Course, Starkey's remit includes looking after the QIPCO Guineas Festival, the Piper Heidsieck July Festival, Future Champions Day and the Cambridgeshire and Cesarewitch – a prospect she describes as "amazing".

And within that are the showpiece QIPCO 2000 and 1000 Guineas and the Darley July Cup.

"They are the cream of the crop of the Flat racing around the world," she said. "I would certainly like to build on my experiences, and I want to work with the team and work collectively to build ideas.

"I have always strived to do the best job I can possibly do – I love racing and love managing racecourses. Every penny we make at the Jockey Club is reinvested in to racecourses, it makes it very satisfying as a racing fan."

The challenge of the first Classics of the season at the QIPCO Guineas Festival are just round the corner in May, and Starkey said: "I think it's the excitement, anticipation and what it's all about.

"It's hugely exciting off the back of Frankel's absolutely amazing win, and we're looking forward to a really exciting two day's racing this year.

"We're doing a two-for-one offer (until April 1) in the 1000 Guineas so that more people can hopefully come along and we can broaden the appeal."

Starkey reflected on her spell at Kempton Park, and looked forward at the same time.

She said: "It will stay with me for a long time, like in 2011 when Kauto Star made history winning the King George VI Chase for a fifth time.

"That will live with me forever, and we're hoping to have many days like that at Newmarket."

**Jackie Jarvis**
talks to
**William Haggas**

# It's William the

## From washing cars and serving drinks, William Haggas now has a place among the training elite at Newmarket

But, after a phenomenal 2011, the question is: How do you follow that?

**WILLIAM HAGGAS' FIRST** job in Newmarket saw him washing cars, mowing lawns and pouring drinks for top trainer Jeremy Hindley.

That was in 1980, with the enthusiastic Yorkshireman doing just about whatever was required to help him get ahead in racing.

Fast forward 32 years and Haggas is very much established at the top end of his chosen profession – a point backed by the fact that he has recently become head of the National Trainers' Federation.

With a Derby win, a victory with Dancing Rain in last year's Oaks and a host of other high-profile triumphs to his name, Haggas hasn't half come a long way since those early days doing chores for Hindley.

Indeed, 2011 was a mighty year for Haggas and his Fordham Road-based string. There were no fewer than 77 winners, with stars such as Dancing Rain (two Oaks triumphs and a romp in the Filly and Mare Stakes on QIPCO British Champions Day), Green Destiny (Dubai Duty Free Arc Trial and Strensall Stakes), Entifaadha (Acomb Stakes) and Beaten Up (St Simon Stakes) all making their mark.

Not surprisingly, Haggas is wondering what he can do for an encore.

"How do you keep it going?" he mused. "This time last year Dancing Rain had only been second in a maiden, Green Destiny had won a handicap off 82 and neither Beaten Up or Entifaadha had ever run.

"If you'd have told me then that they'd win seven Group races between them, I'd have said you're mad. I didn't see them coming and, hopefully, something good will come along this year."

Dual Group Three winner Green Destiny joined the exodus of horses sold abroad this winter, but the other stars of Somerville – Dancing Rain, Beaten Up and Entifaadha – are set to do battle for another year.

Haggas outlined: "Dancing Rain had a winter break and hasn't been in long, but I am happy with her. She will be trained for the Coronation Cup before perhaps a tilt at the King George.

"Beaten Up will run off the plane in the Sheema Classic on Dubai World Cup night (Saturday). He's in good shape and if we get him there fit and well and with no travel complications he could run very well.

"He has come a long way and I was impressed with his win at Newbury last October where he beat a proper yardstick in Al Kazeem very easily.

"Entifhaada goes for the UAE Derby (also on Dubai World Cup night). I was a little disappointed that he didn't win on his reappearance, although he went very close, only being beaten a nose.

"We are going to run in a visor as he has had it on at home and it focuses him. The step up to a mile and a quarter should suit."

Haggas is talking from within his Somerville Lodge where he has been with his wife Maureen – daughter of legendary jockey Lester Piggott – since 1986, following two years as pupil assistant with Sir Mark Prescott and four years with Johnny Winter.

"It's changed a bit since then," said Haggas with a more than a touch of understatement.

"When I started looking for a yard, everywhere was full and there was nowhere for sale except this place. It was full of squatters and hadn't been lived in for a number of years. We bought a shell which had 21 proper stables and six wooden boxes."

Haggas recalls launching under his own name with a team of 19 horses –12 of them were owned by him. If it appeared a risky venture, the gamble has proved to be well worthwhile.

He now has a string of 130-plus horses and is supported by some of the most influential and powerful owners in racing. Such success did not come overnight. Indeed, it did not even really materialise after Haggas won the Derby with Shaamit in 1996.

"My first ambition was to have a winner at every racecourse and we achieved that by 1996," Haggas said. "That same year we won the Derby with Shaamit but it didn't attract more horses to us. The year after we had a virus in the yard and had the worst year we've ever had with just 12 winners."

Haggas pinpoints 2000 as the pivotal year with the arrival of crack two-year-old Superstar Leo. She won the Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Flying Childers at Doncaster among five triumphs

**DERBY DELIGHT:** William Haggas with Shaamit the morning after Derby success in 1996

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**EYES RIGHT:** William Haggas patrols the yard, watched by some of the inmates at Somerville Lodge **SPO809763**

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Trainer **Robert Cowell »**

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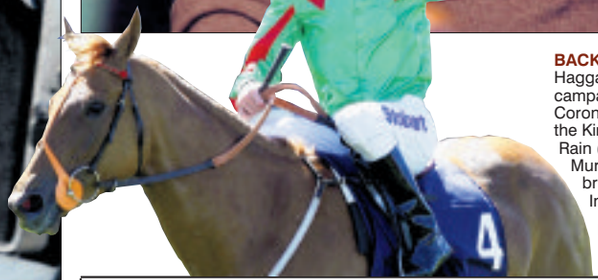

**BACK FOR MORE:** William Haggas has outlined a campaign that includes the Coronation Cup and perhaps the King George for Dancing Rain (left, with Johnny Murtagh in the saddle), the brilliant winner of the Investec Oaks last year

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# conqueror

that season. "Superstar Leo came along and we have been full ever since," Haggas said. "In the last five years things have snowballed, really due to quality.

"Sheikh Hamdan started to send us horses in 2005. He has been fantastic but he isn't the single reason we have improved.

"We have had some good successes on the track and are fortunate that people seem to want to send us horses."

Haggas has steadily transformed Somerville Lodge into one of the most state-of-the-art training yards in the country. He has introduced an equine spa and a treadmill which enables a horse to be exercised without a rider on its back. "All these tools that can aid training have to be useful," he said. "The treadmill and the spa were expensive to put in and to run, but they have bought a massive contribution to the yard."

Haggas' successes mean he is a busy man – and his role within the NTF also takes up time.

"I quite enjoy it but find it massively frustrating that so few people seem to bother about the future," he said.

Happily for racing, it has a man of action and purpose in Haggas. His rise and rise during the last four decades are nothing if not proof of that.

■ *RACING 2012*

**NOT HARD TO SWALLOW:** One of Robert Cowell's inmates accepts a carrot from the guv'nor **SPO803621**

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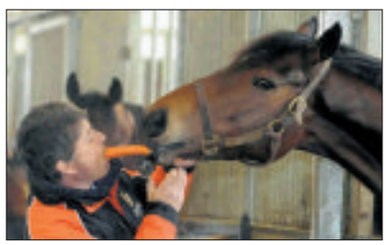

# Cowell shows entry to elite isn't Prohibit-ed

**WHEN PROHIBIT ROARED** past some of the best sprinters in the world at Royal Ascot last summer, he landed a blow for the smaller trainer.

The treasured possession of a Group One win is hard to come by for even the biggest of yards – there are after all only 32 races holding the prestigious ranking in the UK.

So for a small stable to claim such a prize is a stand-out feat which puts connections on the map.

And that is exactly what the son of Oasis Dream did when landing the King's Stand Stakes at Ascot last summer for trainer Robert Cowell.

"It was a brilliant day," said the handler from Bottisham Heath Stud. "I didn't really believe it even when he went past the winning post, we were all a bit in shock.

"Not that I didn't think the horse couldn't win. It was more 'is this really going to happen to me, a small-time trainer to win such a prestigious event on such a grand stage?'. That's what I didn't quite comprehend."

Seven-year-old Prohibit has an impressive record, with 18 placed finishes on the Flat from 33 starts. But finding his ideal distance has presented a problem.

"I think where we had it wrong to start with – which is why John Gosden didn't get the best out of him – is because he was running over further, six or seven," said Cowell.

"And he evidently doesn't stay six or seven. He would stay six if he was rated 95 and he would win a nice race over six, but now he is in the top class, he is only a five-furlong horse.

"If you look through *Timeform* they give him a bit of a squiggle, which basically means un-genuine. The horse is far from un-genuine – he is one of the most genuine horses in training.

"He constantly runs at that high level and he produces at the highest level. I think the squiggle probably comes from his earlier days when he was hitting the front and the head would come up in the air and he wasn't enjoying it, he didn't stay.

"That kind of look is perceived to be un-genuine, but it was just because it was not his right trip."

Prohibit maintained his early-season form from Dubai last year throughout 2011. And it is a 12 months Cowell recalls fondly.

"He was very consistent and I think that's why people latched on to him, and he became a bit of a favourite for some people, simply because you knew you got a run for your money if you're a punter," said Cowell.

"He has the most amazing, placid temperament. He is lovely. He'd be your best friend if he was a human. He's a bloody nice chap, is what he is."

The success of Prohibit has certainly had an impact on the yard – their numbers are up considerably.

"This year we will have more horses, we will have a 30 per cent increase of our string," said Cowell. "How much of that has come through Prohibit, I have no idea, but I would imagine a fair bit has.

"For our business, it must have certainly helped quite considerably. But nothing happens immediately as no-one will ever remove horses.

"Once people are starting to look for homes for horses or look for trainers then we probably get talked about a tiny bit more than we used to, simply because of what we have achieved. We have about 38 and we would normally train about 28, so we are above our normal.

"With the support of a lot of existing people, we have upped the quality of the horses and I think we have probably eight horses for the big Saturday racing days, which is brilliant for such a small yard."

Prohibit is in Dubai, where he has been all winter with new yard neighbour Monsieur Joe, ready for a tilt at the Al Quoz Sprint on World Cup night this weekend.

But his main target for the summer will be a return to Surrey. "It's not 'we want to be at the Nunthorpe in August'," said Cowell, "we want to be at Royal Ascot on June 19 and we want him there all guns blazing."

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>
> *Robert Cowell on his King's Stand Stakes winner, Prohibit (above)*

Monsieur Joe, on the other hand, is a relatively recent arrival to the yard. The five-year-old had been with Walter Swinburn, who has quit training, so the gelding was transferred to Bottisham Heath.

And after a progressive campaign in Dubai over the winter, Monsieur Joe has been invited to run in the Group One Al Quoz Sprint on World Cup night.

"I'm excited about him because I think his temperament's changed a little bit, and he's a bit more bullish than he was," said Cowell. "He was a bit quiet when he first came. He's just a bit more bullish, a bit more full of himself. He's got a lot more life – obviously he was not devoid of ability when he was with Walter."

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**Mark Taylor** talks to **Hayley Turner** and **Laura Pike**



# TURNER

## *My aim is to stay in one piece this year. . . I'm not due an injury*

**CLASSIC AMBITIONS WOULD** be understandable for Hayley Turner this season. It would be a natural next step after her Group One breakthrough successes on Dream Ahead and Margot Did last season.

But the jockey has what should be a relatively more simple target in mind.

"My aim is to just stay in one piece this year," she said. "I'm not due an injury."

That is in reference to the broken ankle she suffered in August which curtailed her season, coming as it did two years after she suffered a head injury.

"It was a shame it got cut short because I was having such a fantastic season," said Turner. "But I think you have to look on the bright side with all these things – two Group One winners and a four-month holiday, so it was ideal really!

"It's always difficult to get a Group One winner for any jockey. There's such competition, it's just about getting on the right horse.

"It certainly wasn't an intended plan at the beginning of the season. It's difficult to set any realistic targets in racing. If you're in the zone at the beginning of the season and you're focused, what will be, will be. It's about just finding the right horse."

Turner admits that the lay-off did her a world of good. "It wasn't difficult at all – it was brilliant," she said. "I lived the dream for four months. I had already had a good season and basically the peak season was over.

"I did miss it, but at the same time it's almost good for you to step out of the racing bubble some times and get into the normal world.

"Mentally, it's done me good."

So is a Classic win the next target? And does Turner worry about matching last season?

"It's everyone's ambition, isn't it," she said. "Riding a Group One winner and a Classic is two very different things. Everyone dreams of having a Classic. I'm not worried, because I wouldn't expect to have a season like that again. I'm just going to work as hard as I can."

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**DREAMING:** Hayley Turner celebrates her first Group One win on Dream Ahead

# PIKE

## *The break has made me stronger and come back with a better attitude*

**HAVING ONCE TURNED** her back on racing, Laura Pike is hoping to achieve all she can from the sport. Her hopes remain grounded – seeking a winner live on terrestrial TV, one at Newmarket and to reach double figures in the winners' column. But her route in the sport is interesting. After attending the British Racing School from 18, a number of factors saw her leave racing for three-and-a-half years.

Pike worked at the Card Factory in Newmarket before enrolling for a computer course and then working at The British Horseracing and Education Standards Trust.

"Then I got a bit bored, so started riding out again, one lot in the morning and then going into the office," said Pike.

"My boss (David Simcock) had a couple of horses going to Dubai, and I went for a little holiday out there. As it was my favourite horse (Noble Citizen) I was allowed to go.

"I then just wanted to get my licence out again. My attitude had changed again." She now works for Simcock, but does she regret that time away from racing?

"In some ways, yes and in some no," said Pike. "The main thing for me is my age, because I can't ride in apprentice races.

"I spoke to my agent a few times and he said if you rode in apprentice races you would have had probably 30 more rides a year because people had rung up for me.

"It's a shame, because I am missing out on those rides. But on the other hand I look at it as well that the break has made me stronger and come back with a better attitude."

She is enjoying being back in the sport, and her ambitions are modest.

"I wanted 10 winners last year and I got seven, so the aim this year is to get at least 10 winners and ride a winner on TV," she said.

"I think you have to be realistic as well. I can't say I want to ride 30 winners because last year I got 100 rides. To ride 30 winners from 100 rides would be pretty good odds."

**BACK:** Laura Pike is enjoying her return to racing **SPO799988**

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## SO WHAT IS SHE

**Laura Pike:** I didn't really intend to be a jockey, I just kind of went with it and then I was really enjoying it.

***What did you intend to be?***

**LP:** I just intended to be a stable girl. When I was at racing school there were a couple of girls that rode a lot better than me, and I always felt I took the back step a little bit and felt I couldn't be a jockey because they were better than me and wanted to be jockeys.

***So what changed?***

**LP:** It changed just working in it, becoming friends with new people and they are riding, and they inspire you to give it a go.
I'm hard-working and like to do well and succeed.

***You had a break, didn't you?***

**LP:** It was three-and-a-half year break. I got a bit heavy, and didn't really know what to do.
**HT:** I don't think you were mentally in the place at the time to do it and you need to be 100 per cent there if you are ever going to succeed as a jockey.
I think it probably wasn't a bad thing that Laura stepped out of the bubble. It's trial and error, it's part of life.
She had given something else a go, but found that racing is where her passion is. I think Laura thought because she had gone, could she come back?
Laura's attitude, she is the most competitive person I have ever met.

***At everything?***

**HT:** Michael Bell has got tennis courts and you have to be on her team otherwise you are scared.
She will shout, and it's like you are going to win a gold medal, the seriousness that goes into a game of tennis on a summer's afternoon.

***If you are partners, do you take instruction well? Does Hayley listen?***

**HT:** If I'm on her team, I wouldn't dare not listen, you do as you're told.

***Had you seen what everybody else had done in that spell you were away, contemporaries and friends?***

**HT:** There were people that were riding that Laura was better than.
**LP:** I looked at that and thought 'well they've done it, then I can do that because I think I'm better than them'.
**HT:** Maybe before when she was riding she didn't have the confidence, and I think it's something you get with age. On my first few rides, when I was 18, I was brutal. I was really rubbish and I don't know how I ever had a winner, but I did. The older you get, the more confident you get and the stronger you get. I do think it probably takes girls a little bit longer to get stronger. The lads can ride at 18 and get straight into it.
**LP:** I came back a different rider to what I was before, certainly. Stronger, more confident, more focussed and it just made a difference.
**HT:** I gave myself a year out, went to

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America and just strengthened up and learned a lot out there and came back a different rider.

***How would use describe Hayley? Either as a rider or in general.***

**LP:** She is someone to look up to. If I think I have given something a bad ride, Hayley will tell me and be completely honest.
I know she is doing that to help me. A lot of people wouldn't ask her, but I would because it counts what she says because she has made it and done well.
It's nice that she would watch me and help me.
**HT:** Being critical of yourself is key to always getting better. There are a handful of girls that ride that wouldn't ask me anything, and that's fine.
**LP:** And they wouldn't even say 'oh, I gave that a bad ride'. I think you need to be hard on yourself because you're not going to improve otherwise.

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***In terms of off the track, personality-wise, what's she like?***

**LP:** She's good fun.
**HT:** We do have some good times. In the peak season it's difficult. But it was really nice when I won the July Cup because it was a day you couldn't have scripted better.
When I got off the horse, walking in, Laura was there. She sorted out dinner in The Fountain, she booked the room in the yard for a party to get all my friends together – she organised it all. There was no racing the next day, so it was just brilliant.
**LP:** Dream Ahead is at my yard, David Simcock's. My mum and dad were down and I said 'we've got to go to the racing because Hayley is riding Dream Ahead'. We rushed up there and watched it. I left my mum and dad out in the crowd and bolted in to the parade ring and was like 'wahey'.
**HT:** It was brilliant. It was good times.

***Can you reveal any of the other's bad habits?***

**HT:** We're both very competitive. I don't think Laura has bad habits – the reason I like her so much is that she is totally what you see is what you get. There is no hidden agenda behind anything.
**LP:** We're both honest with each other and say it how it is.
**HT:** It's going to be Laura's year.

***And how would you describe each other in five words?***

**HT:** Competitive, tough, fun, bubbly and hard-working.
**LP:** Competitive, hard-working, durable, silly, bad taste.

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A MISSION TO RULE: Sir Henry Cecil, who trains the highly-fancied All That Rules and Noble Mission

## The perfect 10

**Nick Grant**, racing editor at the Press Association, marks your card for the new season

### All That Rules
*Henry Cecil*

THIS once-raced son of Galileo really caught the eye on his sole start at Lingfield in November, doing his best work late when the penny had started to drop. Stoutly bred, a mile on Polytrack will not be where we will be seeing him this season, and he does hold the Derby engagement. Might be a Royal Ascot type.

### Noble Mission
*Henry Cecil*

IF THIS colt had any run-of-the-mill relation he would have been regarded as a top-notch prospect for the year ahead on the back of his run at Yarmouth in October. As it is, he is a full-brother to a certain Frankel, so inevitably there was a sense of anti-climax that he could not get off to a winning start. He looks a real staying type and might just be a long-term St Leger project.

### Counsel
*Sir Michael Stoute*

WELL-RELATED son of Dansili who fetched 200,000gns and was brought along quietly during his juvenile campaign, finishing on the heels of the place-getters at Leicester and Windsor, before taking fifth in the hot Yarmouth maiden won by Swedish Sailor. Bred to excel over middle-distances and handed an initial mark of just 74, he could eventually be one for the King George V Handicap – a race his trainer Sir Michael Stoute has won three times in the last 10 years.

### Mandaean
*Mahmood Al Zarooni*

MANDURO made a promising start to his stallion career last season, with Mandaean becoming his first Group One winner at Saint-Cloud in late autumn. He accounted for a couple of previously unbeaten opponents in testing conditions on that occasion, but his half-sister Wavering won the Prix Saint-Alary on good ground last year and he has left Andre Fabre to join the stable of Al Zarooni (left). Classics, both here and on the continent, will be at the forefront of connections' thoughts.

### Born To Sea
*John Oxx*

ANOTHER with plenty to live up to as a half-brother to brilliant colts Sea The Stars and Galileo and looked the real deal when making a winning debut in a Listed race at the Curragh. The initial reaction after his odds-on reverse in the Killavullan Stakes was one of disappointment, but it later transpired he had torn a muscle, so it was probably a fine effort to finish second to the smart Nephrite. Oxx indicated afterwards that the 2000 Guineas remained his target, with a prep run beforehand a possibility. If he does make the journey to Newmarket, he should certainly not be dismissed.

### Perennial
*Charlie Hills*

A HORSE with a big reputation and delivered on debut at Doncaster in September, beating very impressive subsequent winner Encke. He was stepped up in class for the Autumn Stakes at Newmarket next time and, although beaten into second, he was the one to take from the race as he ran too green to do himself full justice.

He is a half-brother to the Grade One-winning Redwood and it would be no surprise to see this colt get better with age and make his mark at the top level this year and beyond over middle distances. He is likely to tip up in a Derby trial somewhere in the spring.

### Kissed
*Aidan O'Brien*

MAYBE IS the most high-profile of the Ballydoyle fillies preparing for her Classic year, but this well-bred individual is another to bear in mind. The three-year-old is a three-parts sister to last year's Derby hero Pour Moi, with Gagnoa, another decent sibling, backing up the breeding.

Kissed did not make her eagerly-anticipated introduction until early October, but it was well worth the wait as she overcame obvious signs of inexperience to win in deeply impressive fashion. She is unsurprisingly entered everywhere, but you would think she is more of an Oaks prospect than a challenger for the 1000 Guineas.

### Excelebration
*Aidan O'Brien*

SNAPPED UP by the Coolmore camp after a fine Classic year for Marco Botti, Excelebration should prove a potent force in all the top races over a mile this season.

The four-year-old won three times from six starts in 2011 and his three defeats all came in races won by Frankel. Excelebration recorded a deserved Group One triumph in France in October and, with Frankel set for a step up in trip, the way is clear for the selection to mop up.

### Sea Moon
*Sir Michael Stoute*

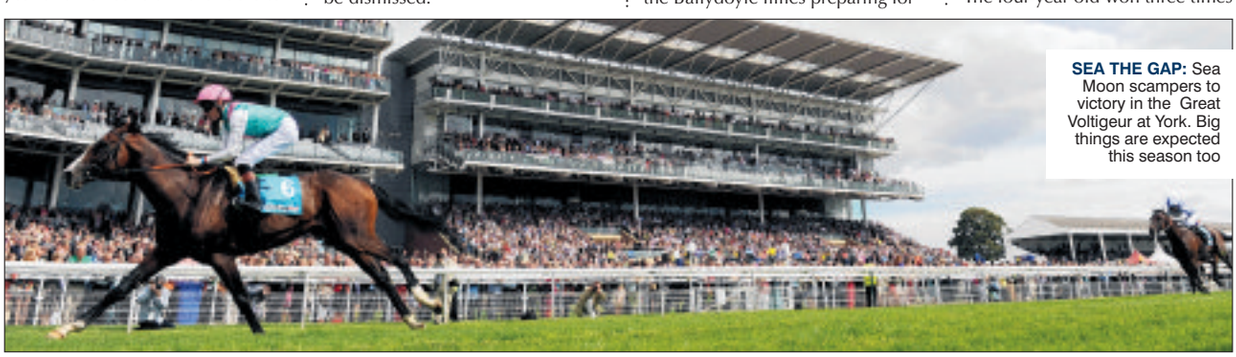
A HORSE who did not quite scale the heights that might have been expected as a three-year-old, but could well do so in 2012. He bolted up in the Great Voltigeur and was an unlucky third in the St Leger, before chasing home St Nicholas Abbey at the Breeders' Cup.

Stoute is particularly adept at improving horses from three to four and if that proves to be the case, Sea Moon should make his mark in all the top races over a mile-and-a-half this season.

### Beaten Up
*William Haggas*

PROGRESSED from winning a Ripon maiden to collecting a Newbury Group Three last season and could be capable of even better. The four-year-old won each of his three starts in all last year and those have been the three starts of his career, with the fact he was gelded before he saw the racecourse suggesting he was not straightforward.

But he clearly has no little ability and there should be more good days in him. ■ *RACING 2012*



SEA THE GAP: Sea Moon scampers to victory in the Great Voltigeur at York. Big things are expected this season too

**Tony Rushmer**, racing PR manager at Newmarket, outlines a busy season at HQ

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**NEWMARKET KNIGHT:** Sir Tom Jones is back on the green, green grass of the July Course, as well as (insert from left) a silent disco, Frankie Valli, Jessie J and Fireman Sam

# SSSHHH!

## *Innovative Newmarket making a big noise with high-class racing, big-name stars. . . and the sound of silence*

**NEWMARKET RACECOURSES PRIDES** itself on being a ground-breaking business – and I may just have the decisive proof. On Friday, July 27 we will be staging a Silent Disco, no less, at our renowned July Course.

This is the point where I have to confess my knowledge on such events is not as in-depth as it may be as the detail packed into the Form Book. But rest assured, by the morning of Saturday, July 28 I'll know a lot more!

The truth is I am actually very excited about the year ahead because of the broad spectrum of entertainment that we shall be presenting – not least the Silent Disco.

This 'first' for Newmarket Racecourses is just a small part of an exceptional programme of summer activities at the July Course.

A tremendous amount of thought, creativity and hard work has gone into devising our first Summer Saturdays series. We've been very encouraged by how Newmarket Racecourses – and in particular the July Course – has grown as a family entertainment location and this year we feel we've raised the bar.

Accompanying our famous Adnams Newmarket Nights, Saturday afternoons will offer fantastic value and variation for families with a Circus Workshop day (June 23), a Sports day (July 21), and Horsemen and Heroes Day (August 18) just some of the themed activity days we have scheduled. Fireman Sam will be with us too on August 4, following last year's success we had with Peppa Pig.

The best bit for parents is that kids get in for absolutely nothing on those afternoons – as they will on Darley July Cup (July 14) when our ever-popular three-day Piper Heidsieck July Festival reaches its climax.

Bookending our weekend race-days on the July Course will be our Summer Saturdays – Live. The first of these two very special entertainment afternoons will be on June 9 when pop sensations McFly will take to the stage after racing. Similarly, we'll bring down the curtain on the July Course on Saturday, August 25 with Steps.

The hope is that our action-packed Saturdays will develop as strong a reputation as our Adnams Newmarket Nights. With acts such as Madness, Sir Tom Jones, Jessie J, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and Kool and the Gang signed up, I'm sure they will once again raise the roof of our grandstands.

There will be six 'Nights' this year – with the exception being July 27 when, of course, we'll all find out what a Silent Disco has to offer.

I mentioned how excited I am about the year ahead – this excitement scales the heights around the Craven meeting, our season-opening fixture on April 18-19. There is a real vibrancy about the town that week, with an important sale on at Tattersalls as well as our meeting when so many of the town's top yards really aim to get their season going.

Of course, two-and-a-half weeks later and we are into the QIPCO Guineas Festival which features the two opening Classics of the 2012 season.

The QIPCO 2000 Guineas, on May 5, has been won by Sea The Stars and Frankel in the last three years, underpinning its reputation, from a bloodstock perspective, as one of the world's most influential races. And anyone who was lucky enough to be here to witness Frankel's astonishing performance last year will tell you just how special it felt to be on the Rowley Mile that day. Will we be lucky enough to see something as spectacular this year?

**TIME FOR RACING:** Jockey Tom Queally acknowledges the applause after winning last year's Falmouth Stakes on Timepiece

The QIPCO 1000 Guineas the following day is an important race in its own right. If you're quick, you can take advantage of our two-for-one offer (until April 1) for that Sunday's racing.

Our traditional Whitsun Bank Holiday meeting at the Rowley Mile has been transferred to the July Course and the end of half-term this year.

So, the first day's racing on our summer track will be on Friday, June 8 when we will celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with our own English garden party. Unlike Silent Discos, tea, scones and garden parties are something I know a fair bit about!

Our autumn racing programme is something of which we are all very proud – especially because of the quality of the two-year-old races.

It's worth noting that of the five Group One two-year-old races staged in Britain, four of them take place on the Rowley Mile. Indeed, our Dubai Future Champions Day (October 13) showcases juvenile racing at its very best, with the feature Dubai Dewhurst Stakes being internationally recognised.

The Betfred-sponsored autumn double – the Cambridgeshire and Cesarewitch – add further lustre to our exceptional race-days towards the end of the season.

Racing's history books contain plenty of gripping stories about these two great races – as they do about Newmarket Racecourses overall.

And I very much look forward to reading the fresh chapters that will have to be written as this year unfolds.

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# fixtures

Your comprehensive breakdown to the rest of the year on the Flat

# Racing

Key * denotes allweather track, **night meetings** in bold, *twilight meetings* in italics.

## ◆ March

**29** *Kempton**, Wolverhampton*.
**30** Lingfield*, *Wolverhampton**.
**31** Doncaster, Kempton*.

## ◆ April

**1** Doncaster.
**2** Redcar.
**3** Southwell*.
**4** Lingfield*, *Wolverhampton**.
**5** Folkestone.
**7** Kempton*, Musselburgh.
**8** Musselburgh.
**9** Redcar, Warwick, Yarmouth.
**10** Pontefract, Southwell*, Yarmouth.
**11** Catterick, *Kempton**, Lingfield*, Nottingham.
**12** Folkestone, *Wolverhampton**.
**13** Leicester, *Wolverhampton**.
**14** Lingfield*, Newcastle, **Wolverhampton***.
**16** Windsor, Wolverhampton*.
**17** Southwell*.
**18** Newmarket, Beverley, *Kempton**.
**19** Newmarket, Ripon, *Wolverhampton**.
**20 Bath**, Newbury.
**21** Newbury, **Nottingham**, Thirsk, **Wolverhampton***.
**23** Pontefract, **Windsor**.
**24** Folkestone, **Newcastle**, Wolverhampton*.
**25** Catterick, Epsom, **Kempton***.
**26** Beverley, **Brighton**, Wolverhampton*.
**27** Doncaster, Sandown.
**28 Doncaster**, **Haydock**, Leicester, Ripon, Sandown (mixed).
**30** Kempton*, **Windsor**, **Wolverhampton***.

## ◆ May

**1 Kempton***, Lingfield*, Yarmouth.
**2** Ascot, Pontefract.
**3 Brighton**, Folkestone, **Leicester**, Musselburgh.
**4** Chepstow, Musselburgh, Wolverhampton*.
**5** Newmarket, **Doncaster**, Goodwood, Thirsk.
**6** Newmarket, Hamilton, Salisbury.
**7** Bath, Beverley, Kempton*, Warwick, Windsor.
**8 Catterick**, Newcastle.
**9** Chester, **Kempton***, Southwell*.
**10** Chester, Goodwood, **Yarmouth**.
**11 Ascot**, Chester, **Hamilton**, Lingfield, **Nottingham**, **Ripon**.
**12** Ascot, Haydock (mixed), Lingfield, Nottingham, **Thirsk**, **Warwick**.
**14** Redcar, **Windsor**, Wolverhampton*.
**15** Beverley, **Kempton***.
**16** York, **Bath,** Lingfield*.
**17 Newmarket**, York, Salisbury.
**18** Newmarket, York, **Hamilton**, Newbury, **Newcastle**.
**19** Newmarket, **Doncaster**, Newbury, Thirsk.
**20** Ripon.
**21 Leicester**, Redcar, **Windsor**, Wolverhampton*.
**22** Brighton, **Kempton***, Nottingham.
**23** Chepstow, Lingfield, Southwell*.
**24** Goodwood, Haydock, **Salisbury**, **Sandown**.
**25 Catterick**, **Musselburgh**, Goodwood, Haydock, Yarmouth.
**26** Chester, Goodwood, Haydock, **Lingfield**, **Newbury**, York.
**28 Carlisle**, Kempton*, Leicester, **Windsor**.
**29** Chepstow, Lingfield*, Ripon.
**30** Ayr, **Beverley**, **Folkestone**.
**31** Ayr, Brighton, **Newcastle**, **Sandown**.

## ◆ June

**1** Epsom, Brighton, **Haydock**, Newcastle, **Pontefract**.
**2** Epsom, Beverley, Catterick, Haydock, Musselburgh.
**3** Nottingham.
**4** Carlisle, Chepstow, Leicester, Redcar.
**5** Leicester, Redcar, Yarmouth.
**6 Kempton***, Nottingham, **Ripon**.
**7** Hamilton, Lingfield, **Sandown**, Wolverhampton*.
**8** Newmarket, **Bath**, Catterick, **Doncaster**, **Goodwood**.
**9** Newmarket, Chester, Doncaster, **Newcastle**, **Windsor**.
**11** Folkestone, **Pontefract**, **Windsor**.
**12 Brighton**, Lingfield, Salisbury.
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**14 Haydock**, Newbury, Nottingham, Yarmouth.
**15 Chepstow**, **Goodwood**, Musselburgh, Sandown, York.
**16** Bath, **Leicester**, **Lingfield**, Sandown, York.
**17** Doncaster, Salisbury.
**18** Carlisle, **Warwick**, **Windsor**, Wolverhampton*.
**19** Royal Ascot, **Brighton**, Thirsk.
**20** Royal Ascot, Hamilton, **Kempton***, **Ripon**.
**21** Royal Ascot, **Leicester**, Warwick.
**22** Royal Ascot, **Newmarket, Ayr**, **Goodwood**, Redcar.
**23** Royal Ascot, Newmarket, Ayr, **Haydock**, **Lingfield**, Redcar.
**24** Pontefract.
**25** Chepstow, **Thirsk**, **Windsor**, Wolverhampton*.
**26** Beverley, Brighton, **Newbury**.
**27 Bath**, Carlisle, **Kempton***, Salisbury.
**28 Hamilton**, **Leicester**, Newcastle, Warwick, Yarmouth.
**29 Newmarket**, **Chester**, Doncaster, Folkestone, Musselburgh, **Newcastle**.
**30** Newmarket, Chester, **Doncaster**, **Lingfield**, Newcastle, Windsor.

**HALL ABOUT ME:** Kevin Manning guides Parish Hall to victory in the Dubai Dewhurst Stakes

## ◆ July

**1** Salisbury, Windsor.
**2 Ffos Las**, Pontefract, **Windsor**, Wolverhampton*.
**3** Brighton, Hamilton, **Kempton***.
**4** Catterick, **Chepstow**, **Kempton***.
**5 Epsom**, Haydock, **Newbury**, Yarmouth.
**6 Beverley**, Doncaster, **Haydock**, Sandown, Warwick.
**7** Beverley, **Carlisle**, Haydock, Leicester, **Nottingham**, Sandown.
**8** Ayr.
**9** Ayr, **Ripon**, **Windsor**.
**10** Pontefract, **Southwell***, Wolverhampton*.
**11** Catterick, **Kempton***, Lingfield, Yarmouth.
**12** Newmarket, Doncaster, **Epsom**, **Folkestone**, Warwick.
**13** Newmarket, **Chepstow**, **Chester**, **Hamilton,** Newbury, York.
**14** Newmarket, Chester, **Hamilton**, Newbury, **Salisbury**, York.
**16** Ayr, Southwell*, **Windsor**, **Wolverhampton***.
**17** Beverley, Ffos Las, **Southwell***, **Yarmouth**.
**18** Catterick, Lingfield, **Sandown**.
**19 Bath**, Brighton, **Doncaster**, **Epsom**, Hamilton, Leicester.
**20 Newmarket**, Ascot, Haydock, Nottingham, **Pontefract**.
**21** Newmarket, Ascot, **Haydock**, **Lingfield**, Ripon.
**22** Ascot, Redcar.
**23** Ayr, **Beverley**, **Windsor**.
**24 Ffos Las**, Musselburgh, Yarmouth.
**25** Catterick, **Leicester**, Lingfield*, **Sandown**.
**26** Bath, **Doncaster**, **Epsom**, **Folkestone**, Sandown.
**27 Newmarket**, Ascot, **Chepstow**, Thirsk, **York**.
**28** Newmarket, Ascot, **Lingfield**, Newcastle, **Salisbury**, York.
**29** Carlisle, Pontefract.
**30** Ayr, **Wolverhampton***, Yarmouth.
**31** Goodwood, Beverley.

## ◆ August

**1** Goodwood, **Leicester**, Redcar.
**2** Goodwood, **Epsom**, **Ffos Las**, Nottingham.
**3 Newmarket**, Goodwood, **Bath**, **Musselburgh**, Thirsk.
**4** Newmarket, Goodwood, Doncaster, **Hamilton**, **Lingfield**, Thirsk.
**5** Chester, Newbury.
**6 Carlisle**, Kempton*, Ripon, **Wolverhampton***.
**7** Bath, Catterick, **Kempton***, **Ripon**.
**8 Yarmouth,** Brighton, **Kempton***, Newcastle, Pontefract.
**9** Yarmouth, Brighton, **Chepstow**, Haydock, **Sandown**, **Southwell***.
**10 Newmarket**, Brighton, **Haydock**, Lingfield*, Musselburgh.
**11** Newmarket, Ascot, **Ayr**, Haydock, **Lingfield**, Redcar.
**12** Folkestone, Leicester.
**13** Ffos Las, Kempton*, **Thirsk**, **Wolverhampton***.
**14** Ayr, Bath, **Nottingham**, **Yarmouth**.
**15** Beverley, **Kempton***, Salisbury, **Southwell***.
**16** Newmarket, Beverley, **Chepstow,** Salisbury.
**17 Newmarket**, **Catterick**, **Kempton***, Newbury, Newcastle, Nottingham.
**18** Newmarket, Chester, Doncaster, **Lingfield**, Newbury, Ripon.
**19** Pontefract.
**20 Kempton***, Thirsk, **Windsor**, Wolverhampton*.
**21** Brighton, **Warwick**, Yarmouth.
**22** York, **Kempton***, Lingfield.
**23** York, Bath, **Folkestone**.
**24** Newmarket, York, Ffos Las (mixed), **Goodwood**, **Hamilton**, **Newcastle**.
**25** Newmarket, York, Goodwood, **Redcar**, **Windsor**.
**26** Beverley, Goodwood, Yarmouth.

**BUNTING'S FLYING:** Frankie Dettori screams in delight as Blue Bunting storms to victory in the QIPCO 1000 Guineas on the Rowley Mile

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**27** Chepstow, Epsom, Newcastle, Ripon, Warwick.
**28** Epsom, Ripon, **Southwell***.
**29** Carlisle, Catterick, **Kempton***, **Wolverhampton***.
**30** Hamilton, **Kempton***, Lingfield.
**31** **Salisbury**, Sandown, Thirsk, **Wolverhampton***.

## ◆ September

**1** **Bath**, Beverley, Chester, Sandown.
**2** Folkestone.
**3** Ffos Las, Hamilton, Wolverhampton*.
**4** Goodwood, Leicester, Musselburgh.
**5** Bath, *Kempton**, Lingfield.
**6** Haydock, *Kempton**, Salisbury.
**7** Brighton, Chepstow, Haydock, **Kempton***.
**8** Ascot, Haydock, Kempton*, Thirsk, **Wolverhampton***.
**9** York.
**10** Bath, Newcastle.
**11** Leicester, Redcar.
**12** Carlisle, Doncaster, *Kempton**.
**13** Chepstow, Doncaster, Epsom. *Wolverhampton**.
**14** Chester, Doncaster, Sandown, *Wolverhampton**.
**15** Bath, Chester, Doncaster, *Kempton**, Newcastle.
**16** Bath, Ffos Las.
**17** Brighton, Musselburgh, Wolverhampton*.
**18** Folkestone, Thirsk, Yarmouth.
**19** Beverley, *Kempton**, Sandown, Yarmouth.
**20** Ayr, *Kempton**, Pontefract, Yarmouth.
**21** Ayr, Lingfield, Newbury, *Wolverhampton**.
**22** Newmarket, Ayr, Catterick, Newbury, **Wolverhampton***.
**23** Hamilton.
**24** Hamilton, Kempton*, Leicester.
**25** Beverley, Folkestone.
**26** Goodwood, *Kempton**, Redcar.
**27** Newmarket, Pontefract, *Wolverhampton**.
**28** Newmarket, Haydock, *Wolverhampton**.
**29** Newmarket, Chester, Haydock, Ripon, *Wolverhampton**.
**30** Epsom, Musselburgh.

## ◆ October

**1** Bath, Hamilton.
**2** Ayr, Folkestone.
**3** *Kempton**, Newcastle, Nottingham, Salisbury.
**4** Southwell*, Warwick, *Wolverhampton**.
**5** Ascot, *Wolverhampton**.
**6** Ascot, Newmarket, Redcar, **Wolverhampton***.
**8** Pontefract, Windsor, Wolverhampton*.
**9** Brighton, Catterick, Leicester.
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**13** Newmarket, *Wolverhampton**, York.
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**15** Musselburgh, Salisbury, Windsor.
**16** Leicester, Newcastle.
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**18** Brighton, *Kempton**.
**19** Haydock, Redcar, *Wolverhampton**.
**20** Ascot, Catterick, **Wolverhampton***.
**21** Bath.
**22** Pontefract, Windsor.
**23** Lingfield*, Yarmouth.
**24** Newmarket, *Kempton**.
**25** Southwell*, *Wolverhampton**.
**26** Doncaster, Newbury, *Wolverhampton**.
**27** Doncaster, Newbury, *Wolverhampton**.
**29** Leicester, Redcar.
**30** Catterick, Yarmouth.
**31** *Kempton**, Lingfield*, Nottingham.

## ◆ November

**1** *Kempton**, Lingfield*.
**2** Newmarket, *Wolverhampton**.
**3** Newmarket.
**5** Wolverhampton*.
**6** Redcar, Southwell*.
**7** *Kempton**, Nottingham.
**8** Lingfield*, *Wolverhampton**.
**9** *Wolverhampton**.
**10** Doncaster.
**14** *Kempton**, Southwell*.
**15** *Kempton*, Southwell*.
**16** Lingfield*, *Wolverhampton**.
**17** Lingfield*, **Wolverhampton***.
**19** Wolverhampton*.
**20** Southwell*.
**21** *Kempton**, Lingfield*.
**22** *Kempton**.
**23** *Wolverhampton**.
**24** Lingfield*, **Wolverhampton***.
**26** Southwell*.
**27** Southwell*.
**28** *Kempton**, Lingfield*.
**29** *Kempton**.
**30** *Wolverhampton**.

## ◆ December

**1** **Wolverhampton***.
**3** Kempton*, Wolverhampton*.
**4** Wolverhampton*.
**5** *Kempton**, Lingfield*.
**6** *Wolverhampton**.
**7** Lingfield*, *Wolverhampton**.
**8** **Wolverhampton***.
**10** Lingfield*.
**11** Southwell*.
**12** *Kempton**, Lingfield*.
**13** *Kempton**.
**14** Southwell*.
**15** Southwell*, *Wolverhampton**.
**17** Wolverhampton*.
**18** Southwell*.
**19** *Kempton**, Lingfield*.
**20** *Kempton**, Southwell*.
**21** Southwell*, *Wolverhampton**.
**22** Lingfield*.
**26** Wolverhampton*.
**27** Southwell*, *Wolverhampton**.
**28** Lingfield*, *Wolverhampton**.
**29** Southwell*.
**30** Lingfield*.
**31** Lingfield*.

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# days and nights

Your guide to the Newmarket racing calendar, on the Rowley Mile and July Course

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**FRANK-LY AMAZING:** Tom Queally cannot conceal his delight as the incomparable Frankel romps home in last year's never-to-be-forgotten QIPCO 2000 Guineas

## ◆ Rowley Mile – April

**18 Craven Meeting** (Lanwades Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes)
**19 Craven Meeting** (Novae Bloodstock Insurance Craven Stakes, Wetherby's Bloodstock Racecard Earl of Sefton Stakes).

## ◆ May

**5 QIPCO 2000 Guineas** (QIPCO 2000 Guineas, QIPCO Jockey Club Stakes, Pearl Bloodstock Palace House Stakes).
**6 QIPCO 1000 Guineas** (QIPCO 1000 Guineas, Qatar Bloodstock Dahlia Stakes).
**17** St Nicholas Hospice Care Race Evening
**18** Friday meeting
**19** Saturday meeting

## ◆ July Course – June

**8** Friday meeting Countryside Alliance Race Day
**9** Summer Saturday Live (racing followed by *McFly* in concert)
**22** Adnams Newmarket Nights (*Madness*)
**23** Summer Saturday – Bet365 Race Day
**29** Adnams Newmarket Nights (*Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons*)
**30** Summer Saturday Animal Health Trust Gala Race Day, Criterion Stakes

## ◆ July

**12 Piper Heidsieck July Festival** (Ladies Day TNT July Stakes, Princess of Wales's Stakes, the Bahrain Trophy)
**13 Piper Heidsieck July Festival** (Abu Dhabi Day Etihad Airways Falmouth Stakes, Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Cherry Hinton Stakes)
**14 Piper Heidsieck July Festival** (Darley July Cup Day Darley July Cup, 32Red Superlative Stakes, 32Red Bunbury Cup)
**20** Adnams Newmarket Night (*Kool And The Gang*)
**21** Summer Saturday
**27** Evening meeting

## ◆ August

**3** Adnams Newmarket Night
**4** Summer Saturday
**10** Adnams Newmarket Night (*Sir Tom Jones*)
**11** Summer Saturday (German-Thoroughbred.com Sweet Solera Stakes)
**16** Summer Meeting
**17** Adnams Newmarket Night (*Jessie J*)
**18** Summer Saturday Horsemen & Heroes Day
**24** Summer Bank Holiday
**25** Summer Saturday Live, Newmarket Town Plate (racing followed by *Steps* in concert)

## ◆ Rowley Mile – September

**22** September Raceday (£100,000 Tattersalls Millions Median Auction Fillies Stakes, £200,000 Tattersalls Millions Median Auction Trophy.
**27 Cambridgeshire Meeting** (Somerville Tattersall Stakes).
**28 Cambridgeshire Meeting** (Shadwell Day Shadwell Fillies' Mile, Shadwell Joel Stakes, Shadwell Oh So Sharp Stakes).
**29 Cambridgeshire Meeting** (Betfred Cambridgeshire Day Betfred Cambridgeshire Handicap, Kingdom of Bahrain Sun Chariot Stakes, the Cheveley Park Stakes, Juddmonte Royal Lodge Stakes)

## ◆ October

**6** October Raceday (£300,000 Tattersalls Millions 2yo Fillies' Trophy, £500,000 Tattersalls Millions 2yo Trophy).
**13 Future Champions' Day** (The Dubai Dewhurst Stakes, Middle Park Stakes, Rockfel Stakes, Challenge Stakes, Autumn Stakes, Betfred Cesarewitch, Darley Stakes).
**24** October Raceday (Houghton Conditions Stakes)

## ◆ November

**2** Final Meeting (EBF Bosra Sham Fillies' Stakes).
**3** Final Meeting (Ben Marshall Stakes, EBF Montrose Fillies' Stakes, James Seymour Stakes)


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# Flush with royal history

**VISITORS TO THE** National Horseracing Museum can track Newmarket's historic connections with royalty through the latest exhibition. Royal Newmarket sports a cluster of artefacts as well as paintings, including the infamous lost shoe from the Queen's colt, Carlton House, which contributed to his defeat in last year's Investec Derby.

Details of the Queen's most recent visit to Newmarket to see the town's day centre in May sit alongside information about the *Time Team* dig which saw Tony Robinson and his team of archaeologists turn parts of the site of the late 17th century Palace Stables upside down over the summer in their hunt for proof that Charles II had stabled his racehorses there.

The remains of Charles II's palace and stables will be put further under the spotlight as displays on the future of the site spring up during the year.

But the High Street museum's exhibition looks right back to the original palace of James I – where Moons toyshop now stands – and tells how his son, Charles I, was in Newmarket at the outset of the civil war.

A display tells how King James' palace was disposed of. Much of it was destroyed, but architectural drawings on show tentatively suggest the original structure could have been an inspiration for the design of the new palace built by Charles II, or even that some of the surviving old building could have been incorporated.

A salt glaze stoneware mug from the mid-18th century bearing the image of a greyhound was unearthed during the restoration of Palace House in the 1990s and is likely to be from the Greyhound Inn, which did become part of the palace after it ceased to be a watering hole.

Thomas Rowlandson's drawing, *How To Escape Winning*, shows George IV tipping jockey Sam Chifney a wink in 1791, and gives visitors another insight how the actions of the nation's royals have shaped the fortunes of the town. The prince, who was reprimanded by the Jockey Club, stood by the jockey accused of pulling a race and sold his racing interests in Newmarket.

Emil Adam's painting, Diamond Jubilee, stands centre stage in the room, linking the past to the monarch, who is patron of the museum after opening it in 1983 and is celebrating her 60-year reign this year.

Chris Garibaldi, director of the museum, said: "It's a real insight into Newmarket's royal heritage and with a particular focus on the two palaces and the history of the Palace House site.

"But also it is a fun opportunity for us to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee year." ■ *RACING 2012*

**SHOE MUST BE JOKING:** The Queen looks unimpressed as Carlton House (inset, top) loses a shoe in the closing stages of last year's Derby. However, it can be found at the National Horseracing Museum this year

**PICTURE PERFECT:** Museum director Chris Garibaldi with one of the exhibits, the picture Diamond Jubilee which was painted by Emil Adam in 1900

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**Mark Taylor**
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## But there was a time when Amy was raking it in

**ON her route to becoming a trainer, Amy Weaver had an interesting second job.**

**For a couple of years she would ride out in the mornings, sleep for a few hours and then head out to be a croupier at a Mayfair casino in the evening.**

**And Weaver learned some lessons that she has been able to take back into the racing industry.**

**"It taught me not to worry in terms of money," she said. "You can't worry about how much each horse costs – you have to treat them all the same and, obviously, try to look after them to your best.**

**"When you are in the casino, somebody would be playing 50p chips one minute and then the next minute they are playing a £1,000 chip. Suddenly, there is £200,000 on the table.**

**"You can't let that affect you. You're dealing a game, and it's the same game whether you're dealing with a high-stakes game or whether it's a low-stakes game – people expect to be treated the same.**

**"It's a little bit the same with the horses. Don't get too over-excited and wound up because you think you've got a good horse. Just try and relax about it and treat it the same as you treat another horse because you are more likely to mess it up by changing things and worrying."**

**She added: "It taught me a little bit about dealing with people because, before that, I had only worked in the racing industry as a stable lad.**

**"It was the definitely the biggest thing I learned from the casino, the people skills."**

### Factfile: Amy Weaver

- **Age 30**
- **Studied at British Racing School from 16, graduating as head girl on the racehorse care and management course**
- **Stable girl with Roger Charlton and Michael Bell**
- **Pupil Assistant to Arc trainer Jonathon Pease, based in Chantilly**
- **Became assistant trainer to Michael Bell in 2005**
- **In 2007, while still working for Bell, won the prestigious Alex Scott Memorial Fund Assistant Trainers' Scholarship, sending her on all-expenses paid working holiday to top US trainer Christophe Clement for a month**
- **She took out her training licence in June 2008, starting out at Marlborough House Stables before moving to Woodlands Stables, Lower Yard in April 2009.**

**DOOM AND GLOOM** seem to have pervaded all parts of British culture in recent years and racing is no different. There are many negative voices quick to knock the industry, so when you meet someone such as Amy Weaver it is uplifting.

The 30-year-old trainer took out her licence in 2008, so not only has she had the challenge of being a relatively new kid on the block, but also doing it in austere times.

But Weaver offers a refreshing, upbeat approach to her trade when it would perhaps be easy for her to be of the opposite opinion.

And it is easy to see why that infectious enthusiasm could rub off on prospective owners.

"The recession was hitting pretty much when I started up, so I haven't really known anything different," said Weaver, who trains out of Woodlands, Lower Yard.

"On a positive side, I think there is an opportunity for owners to get better horses. If I was starting up when horses were at the height of their costs we would have been struggling to get into the market and struggling to buy anything.

"So I think, from an owners' point of view, you can buy a lot better horse for your money these days.

"They're putting better and better horses in the claiming races because people will not buy them. So there is a good opportunity for us to buy some better quality horses that we know can run and win races for a cheap amount.

"Deerslayer was one that we claimed at a race for £10,000. He had already won five races that year and we won again with him a few weeks later. From that angle, I think it's a real positive.

"It's an expensive business and it's a luxury, so you worry. But I think any new business worries starting up. I didn't have a choice about the recession and I haven't known anything different."

Weaver admits she has been lucky with her owners, going from six horses in her first year to 15 now. But numbers are not important to Weaver – quality is. "We're trying to be economical for owners and trying to find horses that can win races," she said. "The daily costs are the same for each trainer. You might spend a bit more on certain luxuries for a good horse, but mostly the training fees are the same.

"So we're trying to make sure they are spent wisely and the horses we've got are capable of winning, so you're spending the training fees on a horse with a bit more value almost.

"Winners are the biggest advertising you can get. I was never going to start off and expect to be Sir Henry Cecil, but people notice if you start doing well and, hopefully, send you some horses. It snowballs from there."

The number of winners from the yard has gone up year-on-year – reaching double figures in 2011

**profile**
Jockey **Luke Morris »**

# CRISIS? WHAT CRISIS?

**"I didn't have a choice about the recession and I haven't known anything different."**
Amy Weaver admits it was a worry starting up in hard times, but tells potential owners that means there's a lot of quality horses about

Picture: **David Johnson**

**POSITIVE OUTLOOK:** "You can buy a lot better horse for your money these days," says Amy Weaver **SPO803904**

– from fewer runners, which meant a rise in percentages.

"When one of those horses you've worked really hard on goes and wins a race, you feel so much more part of it," she said. "In a big yard, you're delighted with the successes but even a small success for us is very rewarding."

One of those wins came on a slightly different venture as Weaver took two horses out to Denmark, and returned with victory for Piccoluck and third place for Angel Cake.

"It's an entertainment industry, and British racing has a lot of problems," she said. "It needs to sort out the prize money.

"Last year there was a good effort made with the Horsemen's Group for the Horsemen's Tariff to up prize money. I personally cannot do anything to change the fact that my horses aren't running for great prize money, so let's try to give the owners some entertainment.

"If we haven't got horses good enough to run at Royal Ascot every year then let's try and give them a good day out at Denmark.

"It was beautiful and the owners were really well looked after."

She added: "We're trying to make it fun for the owners as well and trying to give them something back out of it. You cannot tell them to come here and you are going to make them a fortune' because it's not likely going to happen." ■ *RACING 2012*

Main picture: **Richard Patterson**

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Luke Morris harbours hopes of being the retained rider at one of the top yards **SPO809473**

# Morris ticks off the milestones on road to bigger things

**HE HAD MORE** rides in 2011 than any other jockey – and notched up more than100 winners. Not only that, but he finished fifth in the overall jockeys' table and won the all-weather championship for the first time.

Yet Luke Morris, the hardest-working man in the weighing-room, still managed to somewhat slip under the radar last season with the media and public alike.

Not that the 23-year-old would judge success on acclaim from such quarters. For him, it seems achievements themselves matter most.

"Getting the century of winners was a massive milestone for me," said Morris. "Every year I try to get better and ride more winners than the year before, and it had been a big target of mine.

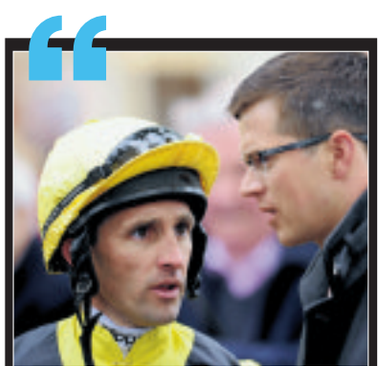
"It was also great to win the all-weather championship. At the start of the season I said to my agent Neill Allen that I'd like to go for the title. He said it would be hard but to go for it. I like setting myself targets and it was really great to win it.

"I think it is a good thing to have on your CV and can lead to bigger things. I look at Neil Callan, he won the all-weather title and is now riding good horses for Roger Varian."

Morris rode in 1,330 races last year – more than 100 more than any other jockey in Britain and Ireland. It's something of an understatement, then, to say that Morris pushes himself – and his car – to the limit as he goes up and down the country seeking success.

"I just want to ride as many winners as I can," said Newmarket-raised Morris. "At the moment I am young, fit and healthy and that means I can keep it going. I know I won't be able to go on like this for ever, but I want to make the most of it."

Morris has spent the early months of 2012 battling to defend his all-weather crown and regularly has a full book of rides. Despite this, he considers the early months of the year to be his 'down time' and a chance to catch up on some much-needed sleep.



**TALKING TACTICS:** Neil Callan in deep discussion with trainer Roger Varian

> I look at Neil Callan, he won the all-weather title and is now riding good horses for Roger Varian

He said: "Through the winter I don't ride out in the mornings and use it as a time to have a lie-in and catch up on a bit of rest. I just go off racing in the afternoons. It means I'll be fresh for the turf season – when I am getting up early to ride work, most days."

The action on the grass starts on Saturday, and Morris is determined to maintain the momentum he has gained from riding winners on the all-weather. One of his major targets is to increase the quality of his rides.

He explained: "I would like to ride at the top meeting on a Saturday, hopefully with a chance of winning a big race."

He has already shown that he is more than capable when riding on the big stage. Indeed, he knows how to boot one home in a top race.

On 'Arc' day at Longchamp in 2010, Morris secured his first Group One winner on the Clive Cox-trained Gilt Edge Girl in the 2010 Prix de L'Abbaye. But success can be a double-edged sword: the buzz is immeasurable, but leaves you wanting more of the same.

"Winning my first Group One was an unbelievable day," Morris said. "It is days like that which make all the long hours and hard work worthwhile. I will never forget it, but it left me craving for more opportunities at that level."

The good news in that department is that Morris' industry is opening plenty of possibilities. Incredibly, he rode for no fewer than 166 trainers in 2011. His main suppliers of winners were Clive Cox, Stan Moore, John Best and Ron Harris, although the statistics show that he is very much a freelance.

So how does he manage to keep all his trainer contacts happy? "Luckily, I have a great agent in Neil Allen, who I speak to up to four times a day and he does a great job letting everyone know the plan in plenty of time." Morris said. "I hate letting people down."

If he is very much his own boss at present, one day in the future Morris wouldn't mind being snapped up by one of Newmarket's big battalions. In fact, it would be rather appropriate for a home-produced talent to land a plum job as a top stable's retained jockey.

He said: "I live in Newmarket and, ideally, one day I would like to be attached to one of the big yards in the town.

"I started going to the British Racing School when I was about 13 or 14. Actual school was never really my thing, so I loved going up there as it got me a day off and I really enjoyed it. The racing school is essential for people like me and they really teach you the ins and outs of racing."

Indeed, if the current class of aspiring young jockeys at the school find themselves in need of a role model, then they could do a lot worse than look at Luke Morris. ■ *RACING 2012*

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**Mark Taylor** talks to **IRT** about the business of transporting horses around the world

**A BUSINESS TAKING OFF:** Jim Paltridge, director of IRT UK & Europe, says the company transports more than 5,000 horses a year – but racehorses provide a tiny portion of their business **SPO803247**

"We've been on an incline with regards to numbers for the last 25 years"

Pictures: **Duncan Lamont**

# A WORLD OF FLYING

**IT IS WIDELY** regarded that the realm of international racing is expanding at a momentous rate.

The options around the world prompted the moving of the Champions Day to Ascot – as well as the creation of the Champions' Series – with the ultimate aim of rivalling Arc day and the Breeders' Cup.

But the idea of rapid growth in global racing – and the UK being left behind – could be countered by some cold, hard facts.

In order to become globetrotters, horses and trainers need the means to get around the world – and one of the facilitators is IRT.

With business in the UK and Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand, they are well-placed to give an overview on the demands to get horses to the biggest race meetings.

"We've been on an incline with regards to numbers for the last 25 years really," said Jim Paltridge, director of IRT UK & Europe.

"It is a growing business, but it is growing mainly due to the sport-horse world rather than the racing world. Certainly there are more racehorses going around the world, but the number of racehorses going around the world is exceedingly small.

**AIR WE GO:** IRT's staff load their cargo on a flight **CP**

"It is a very tiny fraction of what horses fly around the world – probably 0.5 per cent maybe, or not even that. The majority of them are competition horses, equestrian horses, endurance horses and breeding stock.

"There are only a handful of horses that can run in a specific race. You've got the Breeders Cup, the Melbourne Cup, the Hong Kong International, the Singapore International and Dubai, where people will fly out to base themselves with a few horses for the season. And, of course, you've got the Dubai World Cup.

"But there's not many horses flying round the world to race. Of course, if you have got the horse you can go on the world stage, but there is only a small number at that level.

"We transport well over 5,000 horses a year as a company, and I would say, of those, if you had 50 as racehorses that would probably be it.

"There are some countries that would import horses to run. For example, Hong Kong buys horses here and Macau buys horses here, as well as places like America, Australia, New Zealand." Paltridge did put those figures into further perspective, outlining that the way racing is treated in Dubai these days, trainers will take horses out for a full season.

Most horses transported are competition horses, with the upmarket pleasure horse industry and the endurance world the two main growth areas, while there is a demand for breeding.

Paltridge said: "The majority of thoroughbreds flying round the world are for breeding stock because of the attraction of certain pedigrees in different spots where horses have done well that may not be as attractive in one country.

"The main growth end in the thoroughbred side has been those countries that have perhaps not traditionally been importers of thoroughbreds. Russia is starting to buy a bit, a number of the Gulf States who hadn't previously come into racing are getting into it more and more, India is very big, Hong Kong has traditionally been big and Macau is picking up in the respect that they are buying more from here than they are Australia and New Zealand."

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# They're better travellers than humans, says Palmer

**LIFE IN THE** clouds suits Andrew Palmer down to the ground. The IRT head groom spends most of his time in the sky, jetting round the world with the precious cargo, mainly to Australia and New Zealand.

Palmer, from Soham, started in the equine world working on a stud farm and riding out, before helping at airports and doing quarantine work for IRT and then working on a few flights.

"It is very varied and you will never find another job where you will work with so many different types of horses," said Palmer. "You are quite privileged in that way. You will travel with some of the best horses in the world, from whatever aspect they come from."

On full flights, it usually works out to six horses to one attendant, and on any given flight the number of horses could be from 50 down to three, with an average of 14 or 15, depending on the time of year.

"But whether you have got 50 or three they are all given the same care on the flight," said Palmer. "You can have one groom to one horse – it just depends what the horse is and where you're going, so it's very varied.

"People think it must be a nightmare flying a horse, but it's not. They are very well behaved and it's very rare you get a problem.

"If you are quiet with the horses and calm with them, you tend to find that's how they will be. They are a lot better (on flights) than you would think.

"They are much more adaptive than humans – they put up with a hell of a lot. As long as they have their food, their water, they are happy.

"You might hear a little bit on the first take-off, but it's more the noise than anything. Where they are standing – in the crates they are in – is much like travelling in a horsebox to them."

Palmer said to imagine a typical 747 and the grooms' seating area is in what would be the first-class section – right behind the cockpit – where there is a galley, a toilet and a kitchen.

Access to the main cargo deck is through a ladder, and every few hours the hay and water is checked.

"The more you bother them the more upset they'll get," said Palmer. "If they're happy, you leave them alone. With experience, you'll get to know whether you are going to have a problem, especially with the shipment fever signs – you can pick up the signs.

"They will get very quiet, start blowing more. You can see if a horse is starting to get stressed or sick."

But despite transporting some very valuable horses, their worth is not what registers.

Palmer said: "Whether you are travelling a stallion that's worth £10m or a child's pony that's emigrating that's worth next to nothing, it makes no difference – your job is still to get them there with exactly the same care.

"More than anything, you never think of the money side of it – how much they're worth – it's always 'how did they travel last time'?" ■ *RACING 2012*

**AIR SMILES:** IRT's head groom Andrew Palmer says horses are "very well behaved" on flights **SPO803251**

# HORSES

**FULLY LOADED:** An IRT groom checks the cargo **CP**

## 'Fever' the danger

**THE welfare of the horses is paramount with any of their cargo, and the grooms at IRT have to be particularly cautious of one specific health issue.**

**Jim Paltridge said: "A big worry is injury, but the biggest worry with any sort of transport is actually what they call shipment fever.**

**"It is a pleurisy horses get because they have got a very inefficient dispelling mechanism in their neck.**

**"They're a bit like a giraffe. When a horse is in the wild they have their head down eating probably 90 to 95 per cent of the time. They have evolved to have their germs go out with their saliva down their trachea when they have their head down.**

**"The very nature of travelling a horse means they have to be stood tethered and they can't or won't – especially when they're nervous – put their heads down to allow the natural mechanism to work.**

**"Therefore chest problems, which can develop into life-threatening problems very quickly, are the biggest worry you have with long-distance travel."**

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**QUICK, WHILE HE'S NOT LOOKING:** Two of the Green Ridge Stable inmates get to know each other behind trainer Marco Botti's back **SPO803136**

# A year of Ex-celebration gives Botti bright future

**ONE SWALLOW DOES** not a summer make, but one horse and one summer could be the making of Marco Botti.

The Italian trainer is in his sixth year in Newmarket, and while he has been steady establishing himself as one of the industry's most promising talents, 2011 could be described as his breakthrough year.

In any other season, Excelebration may have been the most talked about horse of the Classic generation. It was just unfortunate for the Exceed and Excel colt that he ran up against the breathtaking Frankel.

Excelebration was always hot on the hooves of the superstar, running second to him in two races – the Greenham Stakes and the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes – and third in the St James's Palace Stakes.

But there was also success for Excelebration, with victory in the German 2000 Guineas by seven lengths, the Group Two Hungerford Stakes, and providing a breakthrough for the yard in the Prix du Moulin.

"It was our first Group One winner in Europe, in France," said Botti. "With Excelebration, he was a nice two-year-old and we always held him in high regard for the winter. "In the spring, he started showing when we started our fast work, and he was coming along nicely. We thought he could be our high hope for big races – and he didn't let us down.

"Frankel, we see probably once every 50 years. What he did in the Guineas was astonishing, you don't see many horses winning in that style.

"Excelebration was a top Group One horse. However, the first two years we always had decent horses to run in the Group races."

Those other horses included Gitano Hernando, who won the Grade One Goodwood Stakes at Santa Anita in 2009, and Raymi Coya, who earned them a first Group success in the Oh So Sharp Stakes in 2007.

Excelebration was purchased by Coolmore in August, and is now being trained by at Ballydoyle by Aidan O'Brien

"We were a little sad when we lost Excelebration," said Botti. "We knew it was going to happen, but when a good horse leaves the yard it leaves huge hole.

"However, we have to move on. We have a lot of horses and we're looking forward to a top season."

So the task for Botti is to find the next stable star of Green Ridge.

"A young trainer needs one every year to show and make sure the name is always at the big meetings and for all the important races," he said.

"If you ask any trainer, they would say it's always hard to replace a good horse. For a trainer, that's what we are all hunting. The yearlings come in and they are all dreams – you hope one will be a proper horse. It's a challenge – I think it's a challenge every year to find a good horse.

"It's not guaranteed to find a good one every year but the trainers always hope until the spring, until you start to put the pressure on them, and you hope you can find out whether they can be good enough for Classic races, that's what it's all about."

And there is plenty to be excited about for Botti, who first moved to New-market in 2006.

They will move to a new stable at the end of the year, which has been made possible by the displays of the likes of Gitano Hernando and Excelebration (below). "We're looking forward to the move to the new yard," he said. "We're building a new yard on the other side, on the Fordham Road, Bury side. It's just behind Luca Cumani's yard and Ed Dunlop. We will have 80 boxes there, so a new facility.

"It's a good project, great facilities. We've been lucky and successful from here but it's definitely not going to be a disadvantage to move over to the other side – the posher side of the town.

"We have been renting for five years now, so it's nice to own the yard."

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## Planteur to sow seeds for next generation

**PLANTEUR is one of the contenders to be the next star of Green Ridge Stables.**

**The five-year-old son of Danehill Dancer was transferred to Marco Botti two weeks after Excelebration left the yard.**

**Planteur has primarily been raced in France, earning five wins – including a Group One – and four seconds from his 14 starts, and his first focus is likely to be the Dubai World Cup.**

**"We were excited and chuffed when we heard that the owner decided to send Planteur," said Botti. "Just the last two races he didn't run at his best.**

**"Maybe one of the reasons is that they dropped him back to a mile and he is probably a mile-and-a-quarter horse. He has done well since we got him in December."**

**Botti has some horses that were lightly raced as juveniles which he hopes could develop into nice three-year- olds, including Solar Deity, who is by Exceed and Excel – the same as Excelebration – and won his maiden at Kempton in November.**

**"He is a horse that has shown a lot of ability at home, and we always liked him," said the handler. "He won nicely, so we're hoping that he could turn into a nice three-year-old.**

**"He will hold some fancy entries like the Guineas and those kind of races – whether he gets there is a different matter.**

**"He's not the only one. We have some unraced three-year-olds which last year were immature and backward, so we've just been gentle with them and now they start to blossom."**

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**Jackie Jarvis** meets vet **Simon Waterhouse**

# Why vet Simon is key to the winning teams

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**VET'LL DO NICELY:** Simon Waterhouse, the vet who has been associated with some of Newmarket's leading performers **SPO813768**

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"The relationship between trainer and vet is very important," Waterhouse said. "It takes a long time to build up a sense of teamwork. I am lucky to be part of some very good teams and work with some very successful trainers."

Waterhouse's 'office' is within his clients' yards. During the season he makes daily visits, aided by his colleague Mark Tunstill.

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### BURWELL £480,000

A substantial and improved 15th Century Grade II listed four/five bedroom period property enjoying a mix of modern conveniences whilst retaining some striking period features.

### BURWELL £349,995

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A truly rare opportunity to purchase a charming four bed period property set on the edge of this picturesque village towards the end of a no-through road. Offering stylish well presented rooms throughout, the property has been cleverly extended and enjoys some striking period features.

## NEWMARKET £129,995 NEW

A well presented Victorian property benefiting from off road parking. Accommodation includes spacious living room/dining room, bathroom, kitchen and two double bedrooms.

## NEWMARKET £139,995 NEW

A two bedroom Victorian property on the ever requested south side of the town centre, well presented throughout, externally enjoying a fully enclosed private rear garden.

## NEWMARKET £133,000 NEW PRICE

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## BURWELL £149,950

**Smart two bedroom home with double glazing, garage and garden.**
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## EXTENSIVELY REFURBISHED £199,000

**Smart three bedroom residence in a peaceful location, Stetchworth.**
Boasting a fantastic newly fitted kitchen, a new oil fired boiler and stylish decoration throughout, internal inspection of this property is essential. Externally, it benefits from attractive front and rear gardens, off-road parking and useful storage space.

## VILLAGE LOCATION £189,995

**Enjoying a private location at the end of a no-through road in Gazeley.**
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**Beautiful four bed period stable conversion occupying a secluded location.**
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## SUPERIOR APARTMENT £235,000

**Centrally located two bedroom second floor apartment, Newmarket.**
With the benefit of allocated off-road parking, a lift and communal gardens, this high specification apartment comprises entrance hall, large open plan kitchen/ sitting room, two well-proportioned bedrooms (master en-suite) and bathroom. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

## STUNNING FAMILY HOME, KIRTLING £345,000

**Stylishly presented four bedroom family home in a popular village setting.**
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**Extensive and beautifully presented three bed property, Wickhambrook.**
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## SIZABLE PLOT - EXNING £495,000

**Detached four bedroom residence occupying a private location screened by conifers on a no-through road.**
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**NEWMARKET** — **£123,950**

A smart and spacious ground floor two bedroom apartment situated close to the town and all facilities. Allocated parking, Communal garden, No chain.

**MILDENHALL** — **£219,995**

**NEW PRICE**

A well presented four bedroom detached family home in a popular residential development close to the centre of the town and all facilities. The property offers versatile accommodation with modern kitchen and bathroom and the added benefit of a utility room and cloakroom, viewing is highly reccommended to full y appreciate this home.

**BECK ROW** — **£149,995**

**NEW PRICE**

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**NEWMARKET** — **£120,000**

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**NEWMARKET** — **£124,950**

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**NEWMARKET** **£675**

TO LET

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**NEWMARKET** **£580**

TO LET

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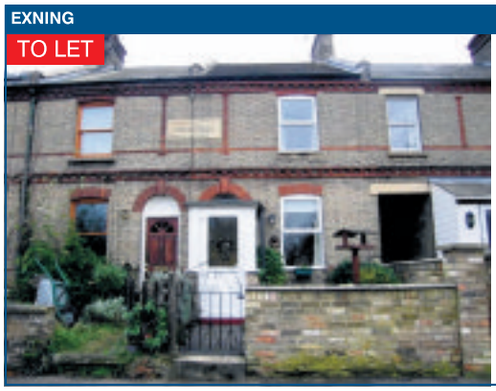
**EXNING** **£650**

TO LET



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**SOHAM** **£600**

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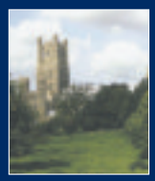

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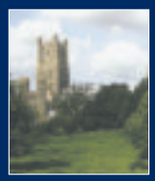

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**Newmarket** **£89,000**

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**Newmarket** **£119,950**

A particularly well situated 2 bedroom end of terrace bungalow in need of modernisation.

**Red Lodge** **£123,000**

A generously proportioned and very well presented modern 2 bedroom starter home enjoying an excellent location.

**Newmarket** **£132,000**

A charming 2 bedroom freehold flat that would prove to be an excellent rental investment or first time purchase.

**Burwell** **£142,000**

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# 'Sweeney' gets Focus ST

# Mondeo is UK's most used car

THE average Ford Mondeo covers more distance on UK roads than any other vehicle, racking up over 15,000 miles annually, nearly 600 more than the next most-used car, the Volvo S80.

Larger, more refined vehicles dominate Warranty Direct's rundown of the nation's top 10 mile-munchers according to analysis of its 50,000 live policies on three-10 year old cars. The report reveals the nation's lust for luxury during long journeys and provides a unique insight into vehicle usage.

Volkswagen's Passat and the Audi A6 – two more large vehicles – both also cover in excess of 14,000 miles on average, still well above the rule-of-thumb average of 12,000 miles.

The statistics show that even covering over 15,000 miles annually, the Mondeo's reliability isn't diminished, only 15 per cent require a warranty claim each year as opposed to the Passat which has a 44 per cent chance of acquiring a fault.

Conversely, small cars cover significantly less miles, with the Nissan Micra taking the title of Britain's least-used car. Micra owners rack up just 5,580 miles per year on average. In fact, superminis constitute nine of the 10 least-used cars in Britain.

Unsurprisingly, the least-used cars require less maintenance, with a collective average breakdown rate of 21 per cent in contrast to the most-used cars, 34 per cent of which need fixing by Warranty Direct each year – the overall average including all cars is 39 per cent.

Warranty Direct managing director, Duncan McClure Fisher, said: "The Mondeo has always been a favourite with company car drivers, and it appears they rarely stay idle for long. Despite this, they are reliable too.

"It goes to show that when buying used, the rule-of-thumb average mileage of 12,000 isn't really applicable, for example a four-year old Micra's average mileage will be little over 20k miles whereas a Mondeo's will be more like 60k miles.

"The average 10-year-old Mondeo will have travelled equivalent to nearly six times around the globe."

Warranty Direct cover starts from as little as £15 a month. For additional information or to source a quote, go to *www.warrantydirect.co.uk*.

**Top 10 Most-Used Cars in the UK over 3 years old**

| Make/Model | Av. mileage PA | Incident/ Claim rate | Largest claim | Sector |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Ford Mondeo | 15,101 | 15% | £879.28 | Family |
| 2 Volvo S80 | 14,570 | 19% | £731.90 | Executive |
| 3 VW Passat | 14,440 | 44% | £2,224.09 | Family |
| 4 Audi A6 | 14,336 | 36% | £5,375.63 | Executive |
| 5 BMW 5 Series | 13,242 | 32% | £3,002.94 | Executive |
| 6 Ford S-Max | 12,880 | 20% | £3,064.72 | MPV |
| 7 Chrysler 300C | 12,853 | 44% | £810.00 | Executive |
| 8 Volvo XC70 | 12,848 | 41% | £1,488.40 | SUV |
| 9 Audi A6 Allroad | 12,548 | 41% | £3,406.21 | SUV |
| 10 Nsn Pathfinder | 12,546 | 41% | £3,277.50 | SUV |

## Summer outing for Ford performance car

FORD'S first global performance car is previewing its starring role in new film blockbuster *The Sweeney* at the Goodwood Festival of Speed this summer.

Stunt drivers will take the place of famous Flying Squad detectives Jack Regan and George Carter as their black Ford Focus ST is pitted against a Jaguar XFR up the famous Goodwood hillclimb in an exciting chase sequence to whet the appetite ahead of the movie's release in September.

**Focus ST: Happy burning rubber.**

Ford is again supporting this prestigious event over the weekend of June 29-July 1. The Festival of Speed is Europe's premier historic motor sporting event – a combination of hillclimb, rally stage, garden party, and motor show, all in the grounds of Goodwood House, the Earl of March's ancestral home in West Sussex.

Director and co-writer Nick Love, whose prior films include *The Football Factory* and *The Firm*, said: "It was important for me to collaborate with Ford on *The Sweeney* as their legacy with the original TV show is so strong – they're the perfect partner. I like the Ford Focus ST so much, I want one!"

For full details go to *www.goodwood.co.uk*.

The Renault Mégane range: 1.5-litre diesel delivers just 90g/km – the best in its class.

# Latest Mégane due April 1 from £16,275

RENAULT has announced full pricing and specification for the Mégane 2012 range, with sales starting on April 1.

On-the-road prices start from £16,275 for the hatchback, £16,775 for the Coupe and £17,075 for the Sport Tourer.

All variants now have LED daytime running lights on Dynamique TomTom models and above, a gloss black finish to bumper with chrome highlights, and new selection of alloy wheels.

Three new engines appear in the new Mégane, including a 1.2 TCe 115 petrol, 1.5 dCi 110 and 1.6 dCi 130, with the 1.5 dCi 110 offering a class-leading 80.7mpg and 90g/km CO2 – the lowest of any C-segment diesel on sale today.

The new Mégane is also eligible for the new Renault 4+ programme which launched on February 1.

# King: 'Summer of fuel discontent' due

Pain but no gain: Edmund King, president of the AA.

Fuel: These are anxious times for drivers as prices peak.

IT seems like a very long time since the Budget speech had any good news in it, regardless of which side of the House was doing the talking, *writes Matt Joy of PA News.*

Regardless of the intention, the average motorist feels put-upon and that the car is the one element of our daily lives that never benefits from a tax cut.

Any hopes of the motorist getting a break in the 2012 Budget were dashed as Chancellor George Osborne announced that the planned fuel duty rise in August this year would go ahead.

On August 1, a fuel duty increase of 3.02p will take effect, which could see diesel prices reach 150p per litre if the price of crude continues its current trend.

Edmund King, AA president, says: "At a time of record prices at the pumps, the August increase in duty is a budget blow-out which will force drivers off the road and could bring a summer of discontent for many.

"We have heard much about tax allowances but the increase in fuel duty makes no allowance for car-dependent, rural and disabled drivers.

"Only last week the Prime Minister told American students that UK fuel prices would make them 'faint', yet the Government seems intent on inflicting more pain for no gain on drivers.

"Ironically, such a hike in duty doesn't necessarily help government finances as people will cut spending at the pumps and in shops, and it could fuel inflation."

What this will do is make all drivers ever more fuel-savvy and conscious of their vehicle emissions.

Vehicle Excise Duty has also increased, although this is an as-expected change in line with inflation. Cars in bands A to C have no increase, bands D-J increase by £5 for 12 months, band K by £10, while bands L and M increase by £15.

So the desirability of small, fuel-efficient cars will be maintained, all of us will pay closer attention to our driving style and as a result the world will be a cleaner place – at least that's the theory.

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| Name | Prices |
|---|---|
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| Histon Service Station | 140.9p |
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| Histon Service Station | 146.9p |
| Shell Newnham | 146.9p |
| Shell Trumpington | 146.9p |
| Acorn Garage Abington | 146.9p |
| Tesco Bar Hill | 146.9p |
| Mrh Cambridge Spar CB4 1DF | 147.9p |
| City Service Station CB4 9LQ | 147.9p |

Source: www.petrolprices.com

# New Volkswagen CC on sale

THE first new Volkswagen CC models are hitting UK roads this week, allowing drivers to experience the car's impressive blend of four-door practicality and sleek coupé-like styling.

Prices start at £24,200 for the entry-level 1.8-litre TSI 156bhp, and rise to £30,100 for the range-topping GT 2.0-litre TDI 164bhp DSG with BlueMotion Technology.

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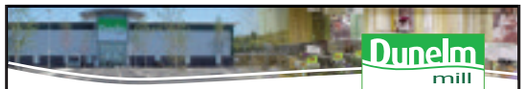

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The successful candidate will support Science activities across all departments in delivering and executing Cambridge Cognition's computerised neuropsychological testing projects for clinical trials in academia and the pharmaceutical industry. Applicants should have a minimum of a BSc in Psychology, Neuroscience or a related science discipline, or equivalent experience. The ability to work under pressure to meet deadlines and manage priorities, and to demonstrate attention to detail and accuracy, are essential. This role is offered on a full-time permanent basis.

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We are about to launch an exciting new programme of Audience Focus events and services designed to identify and share best practice in arts marketing and audience development. And that's where you come in. We're seeking to recruit a Marketing Assistant to plan, create and deliver marketing communication campaigns for the AMA and for these new events and services and to ensure a high quality of customer care for people taking part.

For the right person, this job is a great opportunity to develop their skills and career in marketing. Whether you're creating email campaigns, updating copy on our website, processing bookings for events, or answering member queries, you'll be providing a strong administration and communication service on behalf of the AMA.

***Please see www.a-m-a.co.uk for an information pack or call 01223 578078. Please do not send a CV. No agencies please.***

This is a full-time post based in Cambridge.
Fixed initially for three years with the possibility of extension.

**Deadline for applications: 5pm, Monday 16th April**
**Interviews in Cambridge on Monday 23rd April**

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Natasha Matthews, Human Resources Manager
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Interviews will be held on: Tuesday 17th April 2012

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**Closing date: 10 April 2012.**
**Interview date: w/c 23 or 30 April 2012.**

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**To apply for one of these vacancies please email your completed CHRIS 5 application form in MS WORD (including details of two referees who may be consulted before interview) with a covering letter outlining your relevant skills and experience to csrecruitment@medschl.cam.ac.uk by 5pm on Tuesday 17th April 2012. Please submit Part 3 of the CHRIS 5 form (Equal Opportunities) as a separate document.**

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**To view further details of the role and the School of Clinical Medicine and to download application documents please follow this link: http://www.medschl.cam.ac.uk/jobs/senior-computer-technician-2-posts/**

**Quote reference: RY00151. Interview date: 26 April 2012.**

### Curriculum Administrator

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Starting salary depends on qualifications and experience. The appointment will be to the retiring age subject to satisfactory completion of a probationary period.

Applicants should be educated to degree level (or have equivalent work experience) and have significant administrative experience preferably in a University or medical environment.

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**Quote reference: RA00140**

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Accounting experience and excellent IT skills, particularly Microsoft Excel, are essential. You must be able to analyse data, investigate and resolve errors and inconsistencies and prepare clear and concise reports for management.

Application forms are available from the Domestic Bursar's Assistant, Christ's College, Cambridge CB2 3BU, by telephone on 01223-334904, by e-mail agb43@cam.ac.uk or on the College website at www.christs.cam.ac.uk/college-life/vacancies/

The closing date for applications is 12.00 noon on Friday 13th April 2012. It is anticipated that short-listed candidates will be called for interview in the week commencing 30th April 2012

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## » Speedway

# We want double this time: Tigers

**FIVE months on and the bitter disappointment of losing out on a league and cup double by one point has given Mildenhall renewed determination this season.**

**The Fen Tigers lifted the Knockout Cup but were denied the league title in an agonising play-off final defeat by Scunthorpe and No 1 Cameron Heeps said: "We've got unfinished business, that's for sure. We want that double this time."**

**Co-promoter Chris Louis said: "We've got two leading lights at reserve and I will be looking for them to make their way up. Cameron and Lewis (Blackbird) both did that last year.**

**"I believe Cameron will be the top rider in the league and we have paired Joe (Jacobs) with him as they have bonded well after spending the winter in Australia."**

**Skipper Blackbird outlined the importance of team spirit.**

**"We weren't the strongest team last year but it was our team bonding that took us as far as we did," he said. "I want to bring that double back and a couple of the lads will be fighting to win the Pairs title on our home track."**

**Co-promoter Michael Lee added: "I genuinely feel we can win the league. We know what this team is capable of, and with Lewis challenging Cameron for the No 1 berth, I'm more than pleased with it.**

**"There are strong teams around. King's Lynn look strong and can equal anyone out there, which should make it entertaining for the derbies. Stoke and Dudley are also main contenders too."**

**Rider order: 1 Cameron Heeps, 2 Joe Jacobs, 3 Stefan Nielsen, 4 Daniel Halsey, 5 Lewis Blackbird, 6 Nathan Stoneman, 7 Josh Bates.**

**Mildenhall open their season a week on Sunday against Dudley in the National Shield.**

## » Cricket

**FORDHAM have one more indoor net session at Mildenhall Dome on Sunday (3.30pm -5pm) before playing a few friendly matches next month. The club, who field three sides on Saturdays, are looking for new players and anyone interested should call 01638 720674.**

## » Youth rugby

Something to shout about: Newmarket's under-nines (left) and under-12s (right) celebrate their festival victories. CP

# Festival double act

**» UNDER-NINE**

NEWMARKET stormed to their third festival success of the season, going through the Wendens Ambo event unbeaten.

Although making a slow start – drawing their opening game 5-5 against Wendens Kings – Newmarket, inspired by the tackling of Harry Cooper and the clinical finishing of Joseph McCaffrey, went through from their group on tries scored and then beat Braintree 15-5 in the final.

Sam Bailey scored the only try in the 5-5 draw against the Kings in the opener, before McCaffrey (3), Cooper and Gabe Jones went over in the 25-0 defeat of Shelford A.

Wendens Knaves were then seen off 25-5 (McCaffrey 4, Jones) and Cambridge A were swamped 25-0 (McCaffrey 2, Cooper, Owen Bentley, Luke Nelmes).

And McCaffrey scored all the Newmarket tries in the 15-5 final win against Braintree.

**» UNDER-12**

COUNTY Cup winners Newmarket added their second festival success of the season at Wendens Ambo.

They started with a 12-7 defeat of the combined Saffron Walden/Wendens Ambo side, Joe May scoring the decisive try.

Newmarket cut loose in the second game against Saffron Walden B, their forwards dominating the loose and rucks to allow an exciting and expansive game which they won 21-0, thanks to tries from Kieran Sutton, Will Christie and Doron Baldwin.

Christie also kicked all his conversions

A comprehensive defeat of Shelford completed their trophy-winning campaign.

**» UNDER-EIGHT**

A CREDITABLE fourth place out of nine teams, and victory in the Warriors Final, were Newmarket's reward for their campaign at the competitive Wendens Ambo festival.

They finished runners up in Pool A, beating Shelford B 20-5 (tries from Edward Newton 3, and Casey Feehan) but were controversially beaten 20-15 Wendens Knights after thinking they had drawn 20-20.

Both Newton and Riley Palmer scored tries in the first half but only the latter's was recorded, and tries from Tyler Palmer-Andrews and Newton again were not enough.

Going into the Warriors Final pool with the runners-up from the other two pools, Newmarket drew 10-10 with Saffron Walden (tries from Matthew Addison and Hugo Elliot) and then pipped Cambridge B 25-20 ( Addison 3, Newton 2) to take the honours.

**» UNDER-14**

A DEPLETED and reshuffled Newmarket side, with several players in uncharacteristic positions, were pipped 21-17 at Woodbridge. The visitors opened the scoring, Harry Silvester going over in the corner after he took advantage when the ball was knocked loose in the tackle and he added a second soon after.

Woodbridge responded with a converted try towards the end of the half, and they quickly added two more seven-pointers at the start of the second half.

They were pushing for a third try when the ball was held up over the line. Newmarket turned the ball over from the resulting scrum and Lewis Hall led the charge which ended with eventually led to prop George Brown picking up and driving over.

Ewan Bryson slotted the conversion and was the player bundled into touch 10m out to end the game as Newmarket mounted a late bid for a winning try.

**» UNDER-15**

A FOUR-TRY blitz in the first half laid the foundations for Newmarket's 43-28 defeat of Bury St Edmunds. An early Jack Barker try sparked the onslaught – Jack Morris adding the conversion – with No 8 George Miller powering over to score the second, with Morris again adding the extras.

A swift Matt Webb tap penalty was popped to Peter Williams, who forced his way through the Bury defences to score the third try and hooker Richard Phillips collected a misplaced pass deep in his own territory and sprinted 70m to score the fourth, Morris again converting.

Bury seemed revitalised for the second half at the same time as Newmarket's tackling lost sharpness and Ben May's try came in response to three touch downs from the visitors.

Miller and then Andy Baker settled any jitters, with Morris' conversion completing the 43-28 win.

## » Hockey

# Richards steps in to make sure Town are second best

**Sawtry 4 Newmarket 4**
Cambs Women's League, Premier Division

NEWMARKET are destined to finish second after a topsy-turvy game to finish their season.

Against a side struggling to beat the drop, Town conceded a goal in the first minute, were 3-1 ahead at half time, pegged back to 4-4 and then missed a penalty flick on the last play of the game.

Despite having only narrowly won their home game against Sawtry, Town were confident of finishing their season with victory, and it was perhaps that complacency which led to the shock start.

Jenny Richards equalised, combining with Hayley Stoneman to put away a short corner, and as Town improved their distribution, Tania Fisher fired home to make the most of Beth Wombwell's rampaging run.

And Stoneman made it 3-1 when she tucked away a free hit at the top of the D after Angel Fayers' progress was halted by a defender's foot.

Sawtry, however, hit back and dominated the second half, reducing the arrears within five minutes and then equalising when a Town player sportingly owned up to a foul and reversed the decision of a defensive free hit, the home side making the most with a perfect short-corner routine.

The turn-around was complete when Jess Boyle stopped one shot but was unable to prevent the second hitting the back-board.

Town stepped up their game again and Richards equalised, and as their pressure intensified the Sawtry keeper became their heroine when she kept out Fisher's penalty stroke in the last minute which preserved their status.

**Long Sutton II 2 Newmarket 3**
East Men's League, Division 4NW

ALTHOUGH the scoreline gives an impression of a very close game, Town should have been out of sight by half time given the number of chances they missed.

A combination of good goalkeeping and wastefulness kept the scoreline down, but the first half was far from uneventful with the game held up for 10 minutes after Ollie Wade was treated when he had his front teeth knocked out by a fercocious challenge by the Long Sutton centre-back and Alex Andreou was green-carded for swearing after he was bundled over just as he was about to shoot.

Mike Skelton and a penalty flick from Will Wilson – awarded after a shot hit a defender's foot on the line – put Town in front before they started to tire in the heat and Long Sutton pulled a goal back.

Wilson re-established a two-goal cushion but the Lincolnshire side forced a handful of short corners, managing to convert one.

**Newmarket II 2 Lowestoft 0**
Suffolk League, Premier Division

TOWN'S efforts were rewarded with a welcome win, which owed much to Sue Bullimore's brilliance in goal.

After a steady start, the home side picked up the pace with Cassie Ayms firing the opening goal from a short corner move.

Lowestoft's attempts to respond were countered by Bullimore and although at one stage it looked as if the visitors were going to equalise, the value of Town's 4-4-2 formation was emphasises when April Atkinson swept the ball through to Verity MacMahon, who rounded the Lowestoft goalkeeper to net.


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